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Japan rocked again by strong aftershock



Above: A car lies overturned Sunday on damaged Route 117 in Ojiya, northwest of Tokyo. A barrage of powerful quakes jolted the region Saturday evening, killing at least 21 people, toppling buildings and injuring some 2,000 others. Right: An elderly woman is carried by a rescuer in Ojiya on Sunday. Strong aftershocks rocked northern Japan on Sunday.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Nader presidential bid: The Supreme Court on Saturday refused to place independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader on the ballot in Pennsylvania, upholding a state court finding of flawed signatures on voter petition sheets.

Nader asked the high court on Thursday to review Pennsylvania's decision to remove him. A state court cited legal problems with his nomination papers that left him thousands of signatures short of the number required for the Nov. 2 ballot.

Nader campaign spokesman Kevin Zeese called the decision "disappointing" and said Nader would continue to appeal decisions made on the state level, even after the election.

Internet organ donor: Authorities are seeking to extradite a Tennessee man — wanted for failing to pay child support — after learning that he underwent surgery in Colorado to donate his kidney to someone he met on the Internet.

Rob Smitty, 32, faces charges of failing to pay his ex-wife \$8,100 in child support and medical payments, and a warrant is out for his arrest. He was recovering in a Denver hospital after surgery Wednesday to donate his kidney.

Ohio ballot controversy: A federal appeals court ruled Saturday that provisional ballots Ohio voters cast outside their own precincts should not be counted, throwing out a lower-court decision that said such ballots are valid as long as they are cast in the correct county.

The ruling by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals supports an order issued by Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell. Democrats contend the Republican official's rules are too restrictive and allege they are intended to suppress the vote. But they decided not to file an appeal.

World

Gaza Strip withdrawal: The Israeli Cabinet approved guidelines Sunday to compensate settlers uprooted by Ariel Sharon's Gaza withdrawal plan, giving the prime minister a welcome boost ahead of a parliamentary showdown this week.

The compensation program, passed by a vote of 13-4, is an important part of Sharon's "unilateral disengagement" plan, which calls for a complete withdrawal from Gaza and pullout from four West Bank settlements next year.



Submarine commissioning: Visitors board the new Virginia-class submarine the USS Virginia during the commissioning ceremony Saturday at Norfolk Naval Station, Va. The Virginia is the first of 30 such submarines to be built. Capt. David Kern leads a crew of 134 officers and sailors. The ship will be homeported in Groton, Conn.

On Tuesday, Sharon faces a bigger test, when parliament is to vote for the first time on the entire withdrawal plan. Sharon is expected to win that vote as well, but he hopes to win by a large margin to weaken his opponents.

Darfur crisis: A senior European official urged Sudan to unilaterally sign a humanitarian protocol as a confidence-building gesture that will allow aid to flow through Darfur, a western region where the U.N. estimates 70,000 people have died.

Sudan's foreign minister, Mustafa Osman Ismail, said only that the request by the European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, would be considered.

The Darfur conflict, which the United Nations has called the world's worst humanitarian crisis, has forced 1.7 million villagers from their homes.

Solana also urged Sudan to cooperate with fact-finding missions sent in to look into the situation in Darfur.

Pakistani nuclear leaks: Pakistani judges have ordered a top scientist accused of leaking nuclear technology to remain in custody another three months, officials said Sunday.

Mohammed Farooq was arrested last De-

cember along with 10 other people from Pakistan's top nuclear weapons facility, Khan Research Laboratories.

Bird flu: Belgian authorities were searching Sunday for a Thai man who tried to smuggle in two small eagles infected with the deadly bird flu virus.

The man was detained Monday after authorities discovered the birds hidden in plastic tubes in his hand luggage, which he had carried on flights from Bangkok via Vienna.

The birds were destroyed, but the man was released.

War on terrorism

Filipino workers in Iraq: The Philippines has summoned the Kuwaiti envoy to express concern over a reported Kuwaiti government decision to allow Filipino workers to cross its border into Iraq. Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said Sunday.

The Philippines asked Kuwait and other Iraqi neighbors not to allow Filipino workers to cross into the war-torn nation after Iraqi insurgents took a Filipino truck driver hostage in July and threatened to behead him.

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Some Americabre Web users get free upgrade

But others have options to weigh with the end of 256 Kbps service

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Some subscribers to Americabre broadband cable Internet service will see a 50 percent increase in connection speed capability this year with no additional charges, the company said.

But the company's 256 Kbps service is being eliminated, said John McCorts, Americabre Japan's Sasebo manager, leaving 256 Kbps subscribers options including:

- Downgrading to half speed — a 128 Kbps connection — for a yearly fee of \$419.40, a savings of \$201.60 from what they were paying for the faster 256 Kbps connection.

- Paying \$48 a year more to upgrade to 1.5 Mbps, for a total yearly cost of \$669 — \$48 more than the \$621 per year they'd been paying for the 256 Kbps connection.

Getting connected to the Web

Americabre Japan: Broadband cable modem service is available base-wide, including the Harjo Housing Village. The cost for the current 1 Mbps service, which becomes 1.5 Mbps service in December, is \$55.75 per month.

The cost of the 128 Kbps service will drop from \$44.95 to \$34.95.

The 256 Kbps service will be discontinued on Jan. 1, and those subscribers desiring to upgrade to the 1.5 Mbps level for an additional \$41 per month or downgrade to the 128 Kbps service.

Americabre offers discounts on broadband cable Internet service to customers also subscribing to their "Tier 2" lineup of television channels. They also offer discounts to those choosing to pay on an annual basis.

USONET: Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) service is available only at the Harjo Housing Village. The cost is \$48 per month for ADSL service at 1.5 Mbps. The setup fee is \$80.

USONET also offers dial-up service for \$30 per month.

JENS Corporation: J-Spot wireless service is for laptops brought by users to the Bayside Food Court and other facilities, such as the Harbor View Club. Wireless connection can operate in these spots as fast as 11 Mbps, but the speed can fluctuate. The cost is \$10 for three days, \$20 for seven days and \$30 for 30 days.

The local JENS office will provide PCMCIA network cards to put into laptops to serve as the wireless version of a modem.

JENS also offers dial-up service at \$35 per month, or \$299 per year, with a \$50 one-time setup fee.

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Americabre also offers discounts for customers who pay for larger blocks of time, such as a year, in advance.

McCorts said not many subscribers chose the 256 Kbps option; subscribers to the speediest service available — for outmovers those who initially chose the 256 Kbps or 128 Kbps options. He did not specify how many 256 Kbps subscribers would be affected.

"The subscribers that have 256 Kbps service will be given the choice to either upgrade to 1.5 Mbps or downgrade to 128 Kbps," he said. "Anyone that has paid for a full year will have his or her bill credited for any overage."

Broadband cable service at 1.5 Mbps now is to cost \$55.75 per month; 128 Kbps service, \$34.95 per month, \$10 less than the former monthly fee.

The change is to take place Dec. 1 at Sasebo, Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Yokosuka Naval Base and its satellite housing areas and facilities, said McCorts.

"Customers subscribing to our 1 Mbps service at this time will get about a 50 percent improvement in their capability without having to pay more per month or any additional fees," he said Friday. "Also, the cable modems we are already

using are more than capable of handling connections at those rates, and higher."

Americabre Japan, United Service Organizations' USONET and Japan Enhanced Network Systems (JENS) offer options for Sasebo Naval Base personnel to connect to the Internet, ranging from dial-up modem, Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Lines (ADSL), cable broadband and wireless hot spots.

"We've... made adjustments in our programming over time, and we've increased our available bandwidth to Tokyo," McCorts said. "This upgrade is actually something we've been working on since April. So we're doing it, and it's company-wide."

Americabre plans to maintain 10 percent discounts offered to subscribers of both the "Tier 2" subscription-based lineup of television channels and broadband cable Internet connectivity, he said. Discounts are also offered customers who pay on an annual basis.

Call DSN 252-2172 or 252-2174 for more information about broadband cable Internet connections in Sasebo or call your local offices at other mainland Japan facilities that host Americabre Japan.

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Star Eagle help repair troops deployed to Iraq

BY FRANKLIN FISHER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — The U.S. Army in South Korea has deployed about 30 helicopter repair troops to serve a yearlong stint maintaining a National Guard unit's AH-64 Apache helicopters in Iraq.

The troops from Company G, 194th Maintenance Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment at Camp Eagle were to fly out of South Korea on Monday.

The battalion, headquartered at Camp Humphreys, honored the departing troops Friday with a farewell military ceremony on the long, windswept maintenance ramp outside the battalion's Company G hangar.

Stars and Stripes agreed to a request by U.S. military officials that, for security reasons, this report not be published until after the detachment had left South Korea.

The 8th U.S. Army Band sent a band of musicians to the ceremony, while a one-star general flew in to meet privately with the departing troops. A chaplain arrived with the general.

Shortly before the farewell ceremony, the detachment met in the hangar with Brig. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, commander of the 19th Theater Support Command in Taegu, and with Col. Richard Garrison, the 19th TSC chaplain.

"It's going to be a long year. It's going to be a challenging year," McHale told the troops. "There'll be good days and bad days and you guys gotta help each other out through the bad days. It's gonna be tough."

"Ho-ho," the troops replied.

During his ten or so minutes with the soldiers, McHale appeared relaxed, unassuming, not unlike a watchful, friendly uncle. They Garrison, in a calm, quiet voice, drew on Joshua 1:9, the Old Testament passage in which God addresses Joshua: "Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Garrison then invited the troops to bow their heads while he prayed for them.

"Lord God, thank you for the promise of your presence in our lives," he said. "Be our strength when the body is weak; our courage when we face fear; our hope when our work fades; our light when darkness comes; our confidence when we are subject to discouragement. Empower us to complete our tasks proudly and return safely. Protect our loved ones and us."

McHale shook hands with each soldier, including the detachment's sergeant-in-charge, Sgt. 1st Class Chad Stowers, 37, of Rochester, Minn.

"Sergeant Stowers," said McHale. "Thank you. Take care of these guys."

"I'm proud of you guys," McHale then told the group. "We're all gonna come back, and serve proudly."

The group then went out into the cool, windy afternoon for the ceremony, which began shortly after 1 p.m. The deploying detachment marched under an "arch" that had been positioned at one end of the ramp. Dating to the Roman Empire, the arch ceremony has become a military tradition for troops departing for war, battalion officials said.

After an invocation, Lt. Col. Steven M. Elkens, 194th Maintenance Battalion commander, moved to the podium.

"We pay tribute to them today because they have been called to go in harm's way. I tell you this though: These soldiers are prepared," Elkens said. "Some of these soldiers are on their first tour of duty and several of them are combat veterans who have used duty during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, in Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. Some soldiers have returned from Iraq as recently as April and June of this year."

"Even though these soldiers are deploying, they will remain members of this team. In such standing they will remain in our hearts and in our prayers for their return. They know that their families are entrusted to us and I personally pledge to them that we will ensure that their families are cared for."



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Helicopter maintenance troops headed for Iraq duty bow their heads as Col. Richard Garrison, 19th Theater Support Command chaplain, reads a prayer he composed for them Friday at Camp Humphreys, South Korea. The troops, members of the Army's Company G, 194th Maintenance Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, are based at Camp Eagle. They were to depart South Korea on Monday.

The half-hour proceedings also featured a pass-in-review in which the detachment, already clad in desert tan uniforms, stood in formation as the rest of the battalion's troops, in their green camouflage BDUs, marched past.

The troops learned last month that they'd be sent to Iraq. Weeks of rigorous field training followed. They were taught about roadside bombs and other improvised explosive devices (IEDs). They also went to a training range to learn how to handle themselves during convoys in Iraq and got tips about Iraq and its culture.

"Convey — you just gotta keep your head on a swivel," said Pfc. Ricky Garrard, 20, of Newbern, N.C., an electrician who works with the AH-64 Apache Longbow helicopter.

Garrard has a wife and a 5-month-old daughter in Newbern. "Coming to Korea, they were already used to me going overseas," Garrard said. "This time it was more, 'Don't try and be a hero. And duck.'"

But Garrard said he felt ready. "I'm expecting to arrive in Iraq... do my job 100 percent, best of my capabilities, and get back home to my family. To the home of the free."

Also deploying is Sgt. Jorge De La Vega, 23, of Chicago, an Apache helicopter maintenance supervisor. Awaiting him in Stamford, Conn., are his wife and their 4-year-old daughter, Laila.

He'd just returned to South Korea last month from a mid-tour leave when a buddy gave him some news.

"My friend said, 'Hey, I got some good bad news and bad news.' So I'm like, 'OK, give me the good news.'"

"The good news is, they're sending us home for ten days' leave. And I said, 'Oooh, give me the bad news.' And he said, 'We're going to Iraq.'"

"I'm used to it," said De La Vega, who's been in the Army five years. "I went to Kosovo. I went to Afghanistan. I'm here in Korea. So I'm like, 'Let's do it.'"

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An Afghan election worker sorts the ballot boxes Sunday at a counting center in Kabul. Interim leader Hamid Karzai held a commanding lead Sunday in the race to become Afghanistan's first popularly elected leader, as results poured in from its landmark vote for president.

Karzai poised to claim Afghan election victory

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Interim leader Hamid Karzai has won a majority of estimated votes cast in Afghanistan's landmark presidential elections, according to preliminary results released Sunday.

However, Karzai has not been declared the winner. An expert panel is still reviewing allegations of electoral fraud leveled by other candidates, and it may take another week for the announcement of official results.

Karzai has won 4,240,041 votes, more than half of the estimated 8,129,935 valid votes cast in the Oct. 9 vote. He must get more than 50 percent to win the election outright and avoid a runoff against his closest challenger.

Some 7,666,529 valid votes — more than 94 percent of the total cast — have been counted so far, with Karzai currently at more than 55 percent, 39 percentage points ahead of his nearest rival, Yunus Qanuni.

"I'm going to see with his excellency this evening to see when to start the celebrations," Karzai campaign spokesman Hamed Elmi

said. "We were up against 17 candidates, but the people were behind us. We will sleep soundly tonight."

But Karzai's rivals said they were reviewing judgment pending the investigation. "We are waiting for the international experts to decide on the fraud and cheating. Until then, we have nothing else to say," said Qanuni's running mate, Taj Mohammed Wardak.

It is possible that more votes were actually cast than the current estimate, but barring a near-reversal in the current pattern of results, the changes would not be enough to drop Karzai under the 50 percent mark — even if all the remaining estimated votes went to other candidates.

The estimate of total number of valid votes cast is based on a projection of the total turnout given by the joint U.N.-Afghan election board on its Web site. That turnout projection takes into consideration spoiled ballots.

Election officials have said they will not call the election until the investigation into the fraud allegations and the vote count are both complete.

Another strong tremor strikes northwest Japan

Previous quakes' death toll hits 23; thousands injured

BY ERIC TALMADGE
The Associated Press

OIJIYA, Japan — A strong aftershock hit an earthquake-devastated swath of northern Japan early Monday, jolting tens of thousands of survivors huddled in makeshift emergency shelters after a string of earthquakes killed at least 23 people, flattened homes, toppled bridges and derailed trains.

The latest aftershock was a 5.6-magnitude quake at 6:05 a.m. that was centered about 6 miles below the earth's surface near Ojiya, the epicenter of the 6.8-magnitude tremor that thundered across the region Saturday evening.

Buildings swayed violently in Ojiya, about 160 miles northwest of Tokyo, on Monday morning, but no damage or injuries were immediately reported.

The government had no update on the number of dead or missing from Saturday's quake, but national broadcaster NHK reported the death toll had risen to 23, with some 600 people injured. Eight people were believed to be missing.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Sunday pledged that the government would set aside funding for reconstruction. But officials estimated that it would take weeks to rebuild roads, bridges and homes and restore essential services.

Tens of thousands of rural residents — many of them elderly — were evacuated from flattened homes to emergency shelters.

Officials handed out blankets to



A bullet train lies derailed Sunday on Joetsu Shinkansen line in Nagakoka, northwestern Japan, following several strong earthquakes on Saturday. A string of earthquakes in northern Japan killed at least 21 people and reportedly injured 2,000 others.

guard against chilly nights and flew in bottled water since most utility services were severed in the quake zone.

Japan's military used helicopters to airlift stranded villagers from a riverside hamlet, Shotani, that was cut off when the bridge connecting it to Ojiya was toppled. Several other villages were isolated, including Yamagoshi, a mountain village of 600, where a landslide swept away the only road.

On Sunday, Yoshikazu Ogawa stood outside the pile of rubble that was once his home, poking around the plaster and wood that had suddenly come crashing down on his two minivans during Saturday's quakes.

"We've got nothing. ... Our house is destroyed. We have no electricity, no toilet, no telephone."

Saturday's quake hit just after sunset as many people were sitting down to dinner in the scattered towns and rice paddy-ringed villages in Niigata prefecture on the northwestern coast of Japan's main island.

The injured overwhelmed local hospitals, where patients were being treated in the hallways. Saturday's quake also flattened dozens of homes, tore through the pavement of local roads and highways and caused landslides that left whole villages cut off from the outside world.

Two trains derailed, but no injuries were reported. One was a bullet train, the first to jump its tracks since Japan began running such trains in 1964.

"Carrying out rescue efforts is the most important task right now," Tsutomu Takebe, secretary-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, said on a talk program aired by NHK.

The quake was the most devastating to strike Japan since 1955, when more than 6,000 were killed in the port city of Kobe.

"We were completely isolated," said Takejiro Hoshino, who was evacuated by military helicopter along with dozens of others from Shioya, a small mountain hamlet. Hoshino was uninjured, but his 12-year-old grandson was killed when their home collapsed.

Powell says North Korea should resume nuclear disarmament talks

BY GEORGE GEDDA
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Secretary of State Colin Powell pressed North Korea on Sunday to return to nuclear disarmament talks even as he branded the communist country a "terrorist state" that has "no respect for human rights."

Powell's comments came after North Korea accused the United States of "evermore hostile acts," including U.S. participation in a multinational naval exercise set to begin Monday off the Japanese coast.

The maneuvers are part of an effort to curb the smuggling of missiles and nuclear technology on the high seas.

North Korea dominated Pow-

ell's discussions in Japan with Prime Minister Junichiro and other officials. Later, Powell flew to China where he planned talks on Monday with President Hu Jintao on North Korea, Taiwan and other issues.

Powell's final stop during his trip will be South Korea.

At a news conference, Powell gave assurances that President Bush seeks a peaceful solution to the long-running impasse over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

The United States is seeking the permanent dismantling of these programs. Three meetings involving the United States, the two Koreas, China, Japan and Russia

have been held in China, with little evidence of progress.

Blaming what he said were hostile U.S. policies, North Korea boycotted a meeting that was to have been held in September. Powell said it was urgent to resume the talks.

Responding to North Korea's warnings about the naval exercises, Powell said, "The only thing North Korea should be concerned about is whether or not they're going to be caught in the act of participating in ... illicit traffic. This is not hostile to any nation that is acting in an appropriate manner."

The United States, Japan and seven other countries will participate in the naval exercise; some 14 more nations will serve as observers.



U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, bids farewell Sunday to Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura after their meeting in Tokyo. Powell has rejected North Korea's demands that the United States "reward" the communist country before it will agree to return to six-party discussions on its nuclear weapons programs.

Iran calls EU nuclear proposal 'unbalanced'

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran called a European proposal seeking indefinite suspension of its nuclear activities "unbalanced," but said Sunday the Europeans had chosen the right path of engaging in dialogue over the issue.

In talks Thursday in Vienna, Austria, envoys from Britain, France and Germany offered a civilian nuclear technology and a trade deal to the Iranians reportedly in return for Iran permanent-

ly giving up all uranium enrichment activities — technology that can be used to produce nuclear fuel or nuclear weapons.

"The proposal by the Europeans is unbalanced," Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told a press conference.

"However, the Europeans have chosen the correct path of dialogue."

Britain, Germany and France have warned that most European countries will back Washington's call to refer Iran's nuclear dossier

to the U.N. Security Council for possible economic sanctions if Iran doesn't give up all uranium enrichment activities by the Nov. 25 meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

Iran, Asefi said, was still studying the European proposal.

"We think we have to reach a solution acceptable to both sides so that European concerns are eased and, at the same time, our rights under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty are recognized and met," Asefi added.

The spokesman said Iran had its own proposals but refused to discuss details.

Detailed talks with the three key European powers would resume Wednesday, he said.

The European Union's foreign policy chief put pressure on Iran in an interview published Sunday to cooperate with efforts to encourage the country to give up all uranium enrichment activities — technology that can be used to produce nuclear fuel or weapons.

"We cannot accept Iran devel-

oping nuclear weapons," Javier Solana told the Bild am Sonntag newspaper. "The situation in the region is tense enough — it shouldn't get any more critical."

Asefi said Iran would not accept a permanent suspension of its nuclear activities, and maintained that the Europeans didn't want the situation to worsen.

"The discussion is not about permanent suspension of enrichment. The Europeans have proposed a deal in return for an agreement is reached. They didn't call for a permanent suspension," he said.

Russia-U.S. space crew lands safely on Earth

BY MIKHAIL METZEL
The Associated Press

ARKALYK, Kazakhstan — Looking tired but elated, a Russian-U.S. crew completed a six-month mission in space early Sunday with an on-target and on-time landing in the steppes of Kazakhstan.

Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka and American astronaut Mike Fincke were met by relatives and friends on their arrival at Moscow's Star City, ending a journey that began last April when they blasted off for a six-month stay on the international space station.

Russian cosmonaut Yuri Shargin, who spent eight days on the space station, accompanied them on their trip back to Earth aboard Russia's bell-shaped Soyuz TMA-4, which parachuted down to the targeted landing site some 55 miles north of the town of Arkalyk in the ex-Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, at 4:36 a.m. Moscow time.

Search crew members helped the men out of the capsule, charred by its fiery descent through the atmosphere. The three sat in chairs, sipping hot drinks and bundled up in blankets before undergoing brief medical checks in a nearby tent.

"The cosmonauts are in a good mood, they are feeling fine," Russian Space Agency head Anatoly Perminov told reporters at Russian Mission Control outside Moscow, where Russian and U.S. space officials had gathered to monitor the Soyuz's descent.

During their stay on the station, Padalka and Fincke conducted four space walks, including a crucial mission to repair a gyroscope that orients the station in space. Shargin had arrived earlier this month with the new crew, Salizhan Sharipov of Russia and Leroy Chiao of the United States.

"Good luck. I wish you a fortunate mission. We'll meet you back on Earth," Padalka told Sharipov and Chiao before entering the Soyuz and strapping himself in.



American astronaut Mike Fincke gives a thumbs-up shortly after landing near the town of Arkalyk in north-central Kazakhstan on Sunday. Fincke and Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka returned to Earth after a half-year stint on the international space station along with cosmonaut Yuri Shargin, who had spent eight days at the station after arriving with a replacement crew.

British navy registers sailor as a Satanist believer

The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's navy has officially recognized a noncommissioned officer as a Satanist, the Ministry of Defense said Sunday, adding that it believed this was the first case of its kind in the British armed forces.

Naval technician Chris Cramer, 24, registered his belief in Satanism with the captain of the Royal Navy frigate HMS Cumberland. The Sunday Times newspaper reported.

The Ministry of Defense confirmed that "an individual on HMS Cumberland approached his commanding officer to register his belief as Satanism."

"A decision was taken that he may indeed register his belief as such," a spokesman for the ministry said, without naming the individual. "The criteria on which the decision was based was whether the individual's beliefs would impinge on the operational effectiveness of the ship or the general well-being of the ship's company."

The spokesman said he believed this was the first time someone had registered as a Satanist in the British military, although there was no central register listing religious beliefs.

The Sunday Telegraph reported that Cramer, from Edinburgh in Scotland, has served in the Royal Navy for four years. It said he was promoted to leading hand — the naval equivalent of corporal — in July last year. Cramer told the paper he realized he was a Satanist nine years ago when he

"stumbled across" a copy of "The Satanic Bible," written by "Church of Satan founder Anton Szandor LaVey." "I then read more and more and I came to realize I'd always been a Satanist, just simply never knew," he said.

LaVey, who died in San Francisco in 1997, promoted a brand of Satanism that was not about evil or animal and child sacrifice, family members said after his death. It was more about rational freethinking and a disdain for hypocrisy, he believed corrupted Christianity, they said.

Cell phone murder

LA ROCHE-SUR-YON, France — A 16-year-old girl was kidnapped, raped and then murdered by a tilted boyfriend she met after accidentally sending a text message to his cell phone, a public prosecutor said Sunday.

The man, 43-year-old Bruno Noye, turned a saved-off shotgun on himself after shooting the girl at close range Saturday night, said prosecutor Jean-Luc Beck.

Noye died of his wounds at a hospital.

Police said that Noye was angered by the girl's attempt to end their relationship and drove to her home in western France with the intention of killing her.

A note detailing the plan, dated September, was found in Noye's home, Beck told a news conference.

Noye set off Friday night from in the Normandy town of Dieppe and reached the western coastal village of Jard-sur-Mer, where he lived with his mother. The girl was identified as Aurelie.

Maglev train trial runs

BEIJING — The first Chinese-made magnetic-levitation train has begun test runs in the northern port city of Dalian, the government said.

Unlike other maglev prototypes that travel at high speeds, the Chinese model is a low-speed train designed for urban transportation, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Friday as the train made its debut.

Its top speed is under 68 miles per hour, Xinhua said. Dalian plans to build a 1-mile maglev line in a bid to boost tourism, it said.

China's only other magnetic-levitation train, built by a consortium of German companies in Shanghai, connects Pudong International Airport with the city's financial district.

From The Associated Press

Controversial Afghan contestant returns to pageant as a judge

BY JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — An Afghan woman condemned in her conservative homeland after appearing in a bikini in a Philippine beauty contest last year, rejoined the pageant Sunday as a judge, saying the controversy bolstered her advocacy for women's rights.

Vida Samadzai, 26, was among 11 judges chosen to pick the winner in Miss Earth, an annual beauty pageant that promotes environmental protection, organizers said. There was no Afghan candidate among the more than 60 women vying for the title Sunday following last year's controversy, they said.

"It was really helpful by way of expressing my view to the rest of the world," Samadzai, a women's rights activist, said of the attention she got after Afghan officials criticized her for becoming the first Afghan woman to take part in a beauty contest in three decades. "I don't know if they'll have a problem this time because I'm not showing any skin or wearing a

swimsuit," said Samadzai, who wore a gown at Sunday's coronation night.

In a radical departure from the conservative image of Afghan women, Samadzai paraded in a red bikini down a catwalk last year to qualify for the contest. She failed to make it to the semifinals but won a special "beauty for a cause" award, largely for her women's rights work.

About 50 Iraqi soldiers killed in ambush

Al-Zarqawi group claims to be behind attack on forces

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — In one of their boldest and most brutal attacks yet, insurgents ambushed three militaries carrying U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers heading home on leave and massacred about 50 of them — many of them shot in the head in execution-style, officials said Sunday.

Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group claimed responsibility for ambush of Iraqi soldiers in eastern Iraq, according to a Web site Sunday.

In a statement on an Islamic Web site signed by a group calling itself al-Qaida in Iraq, formerly known as Tawhid and Jihad, the group claimed responsibility for the execution-style killing of 50 Iraqi soldiers.

The killing of so many Iraqi soldiers — unarmed and in civilian clothes — in such an apparently sure-footed operation reinforced

American and Iraqi suspicions that the country's security services have been infiltrated by insurgents.

The unarmed Iraqi soldiers were killed on their way home after completing a training course at the Kirkush military camp northeast of Baghdad when their buses were stopped Saturday evening by rebels near the Iranian border about 95 miles east of Baghdad, Interior Ministry spokesman Adnan Abdul-Rahman said.

Some accounts by police said the rebels were dressed in Iraqi military uniforms.

There was confusion over precise figures, although the Iraqi National Guard said 48 troops and three drivers were killed.

Abdul-Rahman said 37 bodies were found Sunday on the ground with their hands behind their backs, shot in the head execution-style.

Twelve others were found in a burned bus, he said. Some officials quoted witnesses as saying insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades at one bus.

"After inspection, we found out that they were shot after being or-



Iraqis try to destroy debris of a car after a car bomb exploded Sunday in Mosul, northern Iraq, near a U.S. patrol. The military reported no casualties. Attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the U.S. patrol in eastern Mosul as soldiers were checking reports of an explosives-rigged car, which then exploded.

dered to lay down on the earth," Gen. Walid al-Azzawi, commander of the Diyala provincial police, said, adding that the bodies were laid out in four rows, with 12 bodies in each row.

Meanwhile, a U.S. Marine F-18 Hornet jet struck an insurgent position Sunday in Fallujah, the U.S. military said. Insurgents said six people were killed.

Fallujah, 40 miles west of Bagh-

dad, is among the centers of the Sunni insurgency, and U.S. commanders have spoken of a new offensive to clear rebel strongholds ahead of Iraq's crucial elections in January.

Two Bulgarian soldiers were wounded Sunday in a car bombing in Karbala, the Bulgarian Defense Ministry said. Karbala, a Shiite city south of Baghdad, has been quiet for months.

Iraqi police and soldiers have been increasingly targeted by insurgents, mostly with car bombs and mortar shells. However, the fact that the insurgents were able to strike at so many unarmed soldiers in such a remote region suggested the guerrillas may have had advance word on the soldiers' travel.

"There was probably collusion among the soldiers or other groups," Diyala's deputy Gov. Aqil Hamid al-Adili told Al-Arabiya television. "Otherwise, the gunmen would not have gotten the information about the soldiers' departure from their training camp and that they were unarmed."

Associated Press reporters Rayana Ragueh in Baghdad, Hanna Dawsari in Baghdad, and Hana Zakaria Jaber in Kut contributed to this report.

Baghdad rocket attack kills U.S. diplomat

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A U.S. diplomat was killed Sunday morning when a rebel's rocket or mortar shell crashed into the trailer where he slept, the U.S. embassy announced.

A U.S. soldier was also injured in the attack on Camp Victory, the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition's ground forces command. Edward Seitz, an agent with the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, was killed about 5 a.m. at Camp Victory, the main U.S. base near Baghdad International Airport, said embassy spokesman Bob Callahan.

Seitz, who appeared to have been a longtime State Department investigator who worked for a time in Michigan, is believed to be the first U.S. diplomat killed in Iraq since Operation Iraqi Freedom began in March 2003, an embassy spokesman said.

"He was certainly the first diplomat killed since the transfer of sovereignty from the U.S.-led coalition to the Iraqi interim government on June 28, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity."

In a previous attack, a female U.S. Foreign Service diplomat was severely wounded in the air in the October 2003 rocket barrage on the Al-Rashid Hotel in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone. U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, one of the ar-

chiefs of the Iraq war, was in the hotel at the time but escaped injury. The embassy official said the wounded diplomat returned to the United States where she made a full recovery and has recently lectured incoming U.S. diplomatic staff about security in Iraq. That year-old incident was investigated by Seitz's unit.

One person contacted at the U.S. Embassy annex in Baghdad said Seitz was probably sleeping in his trailer when it was blasted by a "total random hit. The sound just happened to hit his trailer."

"It's kind of sad the way it happened. He didn't have the opportunity to react. It's just one of those things that happen here," the person said on condition of anonymity. "He died in a very frustrating manner for those of us who are here."

The person said there were some "long faces" around the U.S. Embassy buildings in Baghdad on Sunday.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell issued a statement of condolences to Seitz's wife, co-workers, family and friends. "The Department of State and I mourn the loss of one of our own today in Baghdad," Powell said, while on a tour of Asia. "Ed was a brave American, dedicated to his country and to a brighter future for the people of Iraq. Ed's death is a tragic loss for me personally, and for all of his colleagues at the Department of State," Powell said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, at least 1,104 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 844 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department as of Friday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has reported 67 deaths: Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 966 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 735 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ None reported.

The latest identification reported by the military:

■ None reported.

Boy, 7, held for ransom

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gunmen in Iraq have abducted a 7-year-old Lebanese boy and are demanding \$150,000 for his release, Lebanon's official news agency reported Sunday.

Mohammed Hamad, the son of Abdel-Ghani Hamad, who has lived in Iraq for 30 years, was kidnapped two days ago on his way home from school in the Diyala province, the National News Agency said.

The report said the Lebanese Embassy in Baghdad had been informed of the ransom demand and that the Lebanese charge d'affaires in Iraq, Hassan Hijazi, was making contacts to try and secure the child's release.

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Report: CIA sneaked prisoners out of Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The CIA has secretly moved as many as a dozen unidentified prisoners out of Iraq in the last six months, a possible violation of international treaties, The Washington Post reported Sunday.

The detainees were removed without notification to the International Red Cross, congressional oversight committees, the Defense Department or CIA investigators, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified government officials.

The Justice Department drafted a memo dated March 19, 2004, authorizing the CIA to take prisoners out of Iraq for interrogation, it said.

Iraqis can be taken out of the

country for a "brief but not indefinite period," and that "illegal aliens" can be removed permanently under "local immigration law," the Post quoted the memo as saying.

The transfers could violate the Geneva Conventions, which do not allow "individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory."

White House spokesman Sean McCormick said the U.S. policy is to comply with the international treaty, which protects civilians during war and occupation.

"The Geneva Conventions are applicable to the conflict in Iraq," he told the Post.

The identities or locations of the detainees have not been disclosed.

The Bush administration did not consider al-Qaida fighters in Afghanistan to be "protected persons" under the Geneva Conventions. Many were sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for interrogation.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said interrogations can help extract crucial information from detainees on plans for attacks against Americans.

But international law, including the Geneva Conventions, must be followed, he said.

"These conventions and these rules are in place for a reason because you get on a slippery slope and you don't know where to get off," McCain told ABC's "This Week."

"The thing that separates us from the enemy is our respect for human rights," he said.

Sunnis threaten to boycott Iraq election

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
The Associated Press

BAHGDAD — With three months left before a landmark election, a group of hard-line Sunni Muslim clerics may hold the key to Iraq's future.

The Association of Muslim Scholars, created only 18 months ago but now the most influential representative of Iraq's Sunni Arabs, is threatening to boycott the January balloting if U.S. and Iraqi troops storm the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.

A large-scale boycott by the powerful Sunni Arabs — who make up 15 percent to 20 percent of Iraq's nearly 26 million people and are spearheading an increasingly vicious insurgency — would be disastrous for the vote's credibility and may push Iraq into even deeper disarray.

The association, which boasts an active membership of 3,000 clerics nationwide, has hardened its stance against the U.S. presence in Iraq recently as U.S. warplanes stage almost daily raids against suspected militant safehouses in Fallujah.

Sheik Abdul-Salam al-Kobeisi, a senior association official, said the group would call for a boycott if it determines the vote would prolong the American presence in the war-torn country.

"When we do, we will reject the elections, issue an edict declaring it illegitimate and not accept its results," he told The Associated Press. "We are capable of doing this, both in the so-called Sunni triangle and beyond."

The interim Iraqi government and its U.S. backers see the vote as a crucial step toward democratic rule in Iraq. It also is a major plank in Washington's exit strategy from Iraq, where it maintains about 140,000 troops.

In the election, which is supposed to be held by Jan. 31, Iraqis will select a 275-member assembly whose main task will be to draft a constitution. If adopted, it will be the foundation for a second election to be held by Dec. 15, 2005.

The Sunni association, which is suspected of maintaining links with some insurgent groups, has long been a staunch critic of the American presence in Iraq and of the U.S.-backed interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Alawi.

It has, however, been careful not to publicly condone armed resistance against American or Iraqi forces. Although no boycott call has been issued, al-Kobeisi hinted Saturday that the decision to oppose the ballot has already been made.

"Certainly, we have washed our hands of this election," he told AP. "Frankly, the association believes the election is a ploy to allow the Americans to stay."

A boycott call by the clerics would have resonance among Iraq's Sunni Arabs, who are angry and frustrated over the loss of power they enjoyed under Saddam Hussein. Many Sunnis fear domination by the long-oppressed Shiite majority.

Some Iraqi experts question whether a Sunni boycott would be universal. Nadim Al-Jassour, a political scientist from Baghdad University, noted that some Shiite-led political parties, like Allawi's Iraq National Accord, have many secular Sunni members.

Al-Jassour, however, said the association has both the means and the support to raise doubts about the credibility of the election.

The association has been vehemently anti-American since it was organized shortly after Saddam's ouster last year. On occasion, it has displayed solidarity with Muqtada al-Sadr, a radical Shiite cleric whose supporters fought American forces in two revolts so far this year.

As expected, Iraq's Shites — about 60 percent of the population — are embracing the election, encouraged by their clerics who see the ballot as an opportunity for power. A senior aide to Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani — Iraq's top Shiite cleric — told worshippers in Karbala on Friday that failure to vote would be "sinful."

Rumsfeld aide denies misleading Congress

BY ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon official accused by a leading Senate Democrat of deceiving Congress about intelligence on Iraq's premier links to the al-Qaida terrorist network says the dispute is based on a misunderstanding.

In a letter to Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the senior Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Douglas Feith laid out in detail his handling of CIA reports on the Iraq-al-Qaida relationship and denied that he ignored corrections requested by the CIA when he gave a summary of the reports to Congress in January 2004.

Feith, the undersecretary of defense for policy, is Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's top policy adviser.

The White House denies that intelligence was misused or manipulated in the run-up to the war. Republican senators noted this week that Levin's report was issued just before the Nov. 2 elections.

In his report, Levin said the CIA requested corrections to a memo written by Feith and provided to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in October 2003.

But, Levin's report says, important changes requested by CIA were not made. Levin suggested that the changes would have weakened evidence of a link.

Feith wrote that the CIA asked him to delete reference to a "raw intelligence report" because it contradicted one of the points made in Feith's original report on the Iraq-al-Qaida relationship.

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Highway shooting sparks sniper fears in Missouri

BY JIM SUHR

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Authorities are investigating whether the shooting of an Indiana truck driver on Interstate 44 may be linked to other possible snipings at motorists in recent months along the stretch of freeway.

The truck driver was shot in the head Thursday and released from a hospital Friday. She was the first person injured in nine cases of vehicle windows inexplicably shattering in daylight since Feb. 26 along a 10-mile stretch of I-44 and in near Bourbon, about 70 miles southwest of St. Louis, an investigator said.

"Based on the pattern of other incidents, it's possible we may be dealing with a sniper-type situation," Bourbon Police Chief Bill Williams said Saturday. "We're not saying it is, but we'd be foolish not to acknowledge that it's a concern."

Amey Hilder, 34, of Paris Crossing, Ind., was shot near her left temple while her husband rested in the sleeper compartment. Holder managed to pull the tractor-trailer to the shoulder. Her husband drove to a nearby gas station and summoned police, Williams said.

A bullet fragment found in the truck — the first actual evidence of a shooting in any of the suspected cases — has been forwarded to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for testing, he said.

The worries paralleled those earlier this year in Ohio, where authorities investigated more than 20 shootings — including one death — along a five-mile stretch of Interstate 270 in Columbus. A suspect arrested in March in that case has pleaded not guilty.

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Cardinal James Hickey participates in a funeral Mass for Mother Teresa at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington in this 1997 photo. Hickey died Sunday at a nursing home in Washington at age 84. He served as archbishop of the nation's capital for 20 years before retiring in 2000.

Hickey, former archbishop of Washington, dies at 84

BY DERRILL HOLLY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Most Rev. James A. Hickey, archbishop of Washington, who led the Roman Catholic Church in the nation's capital for two decades, died Sunday. He was 84.

One of 13 Americans in the College of Cardinals, Hickey led the Washington Diocese from 1980 to 2000. He died in a Washington nursing home after "his health slowly deteriorated over the past year," said Susan Gibbs, the diocese spokeswoman.

Born Oct. 11, 1920, in Midland, Mich., Hickey was ordained a priest 58 years ago and became a cardinal in 1988, eight years after

he became archbishop of Washington. On his selection as cardinal, Hickey expressed humility and appreciation to the pope.

In the years remaining for me, I shall strive to be a caring pastor, a faithful teacher, a loving father and brother and a true servant of the people of God in the District of Columbia and the five counties of Maryland," Hickey said at the time. "I am truly honored, very humbled and deeply grateful that our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has chosen me to serve as a cardinal of the church."

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, his successor as archbishop and a friend of more than 40 years, said Hickey's death was a "poignant loss for the church of Washington and a personal loss for me."

McCarrick said that despite his lingering illnesses, Hickey "continued to be a great inspiration to us all. ... He was a great archbishop

and a good and holy priest. We will all miss his smile and his wisdom very much."

Hickey came to Washington with a reputation as an activist priest. He became a crucial figure in dealing with the government on issues affecting the church in Central America.

Two of four nuns murdered in El Salvador in 1980, the year Hickey was brought to Washington, had been under his jurisdiction as bishop of Cleveland, and he had ridden in the van in which they were murdered.

Often described as a conservative on church issues despite his social activism, Hickey expressed compassion when a priest in his diocese died of AIDS in 1987. Little was known then about the disease except that it was transmitted through intimate sexual contact, infected needles used in illegal drug use or contaminated blood transfusions.

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Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Check ID before traveling

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Few things can dampen your vacation plans faster than arriving at the airport or even at your destination only to be turned away for not having the proper identification.

Many people fail to research what kinds of identification and documentation they'll need before traveling, according to Consumer Reports.

If you're traveling internationally, note the following:

■ Everyone in your traveling party must have a valid passport. Changes in law dating back to 1981 require even newborn babies to have their own.

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even require that your identification be valid for up to six months after you plan to leave that country.

■ If you need to renew your passport, do it as far in advance of your trip as possible. The peak months for passport renewal are January through August. To avoid delays, renew in September through December.

■ Make copies of your required travel documents to expedite replacement in the event that the originals are lost or stolen. The State Department recommends that you keep one set of copies with you, but in a separate place from the originals, and give one copy to a friend or relative in the United States.

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Bush, Kerry clash over national security

BY TERENCE HUNT
AND NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

PUEBLO, Colo. — Democratic Sen. John Kerry sought to undercut President Bush on national security Saturday by charging that he was trying to scare voters with talk of terrorism. Bush portrayed his opponent as indecisive and suffering from "election amnesia" with conflicting stands on Iraq.

Racing toward a finish line 10 days away in an election too close to call, Bush hoppedcoth by Marine helicopter to rallies in Republican-friendly areas of Florida, the state that put him in the White House four years ago. His chopper landings on baseball fields, before thousands of cheering supporters, underscored Bush's ability to use the powers of the presidency for his campaign.

And if the helicopter arrivals weren't showy enough, Bush had Air Force One fly over the professional football stadium in Jacksonville where tens of thousands of people were waiting to hear him speak.

Iraq and the war on terrorism

dominated the campaign debate, reflecting voters' anxieties as the election nears. Kerry's advisers acknowledged that the issues faced by Bush's political strength as commander in chief, but said confronting the president may be the best way to weaken his standing.

For hundreds of thousands of voters, the time of decision is over already. Thirty-two states allow for some form of early voting, either in person or by absentee ballot, and many voters are taking advantage of the opportunity.

Bush mocked Kerry for criticizing him on Iraq, saying the senator now calls it the "wrong war" after voting to authorize force and calling it the right decision when U.S. troops invaded.

"Sen. Kerry seems to have forgotten all that as his position has evolved during the course of the campaign," Bush said. "You might call it election amnesia."

Kerry opened the day in Pueblo, Colo., asking voters to choose what he described as his optimistic outlook. "Vote your hopes, not the fears that George Bush wants you to feel," Kerry said. "Vote your hopes for our nation. Vote the possibilities of our country."

Kerry's southwestern swing briefly touched Bush's adopted home state of Texas, but only as an airport landing before a rally in Las Cruces, N.M.

"This president keeps going around the country trying to scare people," Kerry said. "The only thing he wants to talk about is terror, the war on terror, national security. If that's the debate we want to have, I'm prepared to have that debate because I can wage a better war on terror than George Bush has."

Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt said Kerry "has run a relentlessly negative and

peessimistic campaign. He has no positive agenda for the future of our country."

Kerry spokesman Phil Singer returned Bush's criticism of the senator. "As much as we'd all like to forget the last four years of George Bush's failed policies and wrong choices, voters aren't going to have amnesia when it comes time to vote on Election Day," Singer said.

Bush said the choice voters face "could not be clearer. You cannot lead our nation to the decisive victory on which the security of every American family depends if you do not see the true dangers of the post-Sept. 11 world."

In terms of the horse race between Bush and Kerry, they are close. National polls show Bush and Kerry even, or Bush slightly ahead. One surprise was a poll showing Bush and Kerry even at 43-43 in traditionally Democratic Hawaii.

Terence Hunt reported from Washington and Nedra Pickler from Pueblo, Colo. AP Writer Jennifer Loven in Florida contributed to this report.

The endorsements

This is a partial list of newspaper endorsements in the 2004 presidential campaign.

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The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch
The Austin (Texas) American-Statesman
Houston Chronicle
The Chronicle of Centralia, Wash.
The Express-Times, Easton, Pa.

The Denver Post
The Cincinnati Post

Sen. John Kerry, Democrat:
The Washington Post
The Des Moines (Iowa) Register

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel
The Chicago Sun-Times
Lansing (Mich.) State Journal
The Journal Times, Racine, Wis.

Newsday, Long Island, N.Y.
The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Ind.

From The Associated Press

Cheney: If Kerry had been president, Soviet Union likely would still exist

BY MARK EVANS
The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — The Soviet Union might still exist and Saddam Hussein might control the Persian Gulf and possess nuclear weapons had Democrat John Kerry been president when the United States faced those regimes, Vice President Dick Cheney said Saturday.

"I think it's a good thing that he wasn't in charge," Cheney said. Kerry asserted Friday that he had been president during the war in Afghanistan, terrorist leader Osama bin Laden would be in captivity or dead.

Contending that the Massachusetts senator was "claiming that the world would be a whole lot better if he had been president," Cheney suggested to supporters

at a rally that he believed the world would be far worse off.

"Let's go back to the 1970s when John Kerry was saying that we should only deploy U.S. troops under the authority of the United Nations," the vice president said, citing a statement.

"One way the world might look if he had been in charge is, we would have ceded our right to defend ourselves to the United Nations."

Cheney said Kerry campaigned for the Senate on a platform of opposing major weapons systems that, during the Reagan administration, helped win the Cold War. "So if John Kerry had been in charge, maybe the Soviet Union would still be in business," the vice president said.

Kerry voted against going to war in the Persian Gulf in 1991 after Saddam invaded Kuwait.

"So if John Kerry had been in charge, Saddam might well control the Persian Gulf today," Cheney said. "After the Gulf War, international inspectors judged that Saddam would have been armed with nuclear weapons by the early '90s. So not only would Saddam control a crucial part of the Middle East, he might well have nuclear weapons."



Cheney

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Democratic report says bioterror drugs couldn't reach states after attack

BY KATHERINE P. SHRADER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Efforts to distribute the U.S. government's stockpile of drugs and vaccines in the event of a biological attack would fall short in "the last mile" of distribution to state and local areas, according to a Democratic report critical of Republican President Bush's administration.

The administration is dismissing the report, due on Monday, as politicizing ahead of the Nov. 2 election.

The Democratic staff on the House Homeland Security Committee surveyed health officials in all 50 states. The aides to Rep. Jim Turner, the panel's top Democrat, received 41 responses to a series of five questions about states' readiness and funds in the event of a biological attack or serious infectious disease.

Only three states reported that they are at the optimal level of preparedness for a biological attack, based on a three-point scale established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Four states reported that they were at the bottom of the scale, and six states had not been rated.

Health and Human Services Department spokesman Tony Jewell said the Democrats' report was "petty partisan politics."

"No president in history has done more to strengthen our public-health and emergency response capabilities than President Bush," he said.

While the report criticizes the government for not providing enough money, Jewell said that not one state has been able to use all the funds the administration has provided to improve hospital readiness and public health programs since the Sept. 11 attacks.

That total is about \$5.4 billion. (In 1999, the government established a national stockpile of drugs, vaccines and other medical supplies to deal with natural or terrorist-created attacks, including anthrax, the plague or smallpox.)

An important part of the program is "push packs" of supplies — each of which could fill a 747 — that can reach any state within 12 hours.

The Democrats' report raises questions about whether the drugs could make it smoothly through "the last mile" to state and local health officials, who would ultimately treat patients exposed to deadly pathogens.

The Democratic staff also received 63 responses to 104 surveys sent to cities and localities about plans for handling a biological attack.

Some local health officials replied with concerns about finding trained people to administer treatment and getting the right equipment.

FACES

Anderson loves bears

Pamela Anderson has sent a petition to Queen Elizabeth II urging Britain's monarch to stop the use of bear pelts in making the tall black helmets worn by palace guards.

The charity People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, said the former Baywatch star collected 200 signatures from fans in Britain and mailed the petition to Buckingham Palace. A palace spokeswoman declined to comment.

In her petition, the actress argued that synthetic materials should be used to make the hats worn by guards who patrol the palace gates.

But an army spokesman said no suitable synthetic alternative had yet been found.



Anderson

Kravitz's bowl overflows

An insurance company has sued Lenny Kravitz, saying it had to pay for more than \$300,000 worth of water damage in a neighbor's apartment after one of Kravitz's toilets overflowed two months ago.

Amica Mutual Insurance Co. says in court papers that the apartment of retired executive Joel M. Disend "sustained catastrophic water damage" on Aug. 1 due to Kravitz's "allowing a commode to become blocked, clogged and congested with various materials."

Because of the damage, according to papers filed in Manhattan's state Supreme Court, Amica had to pay \$333,849.77 to fix Disend's condominium apartment on the floor below Kravitz's.

No description of Disend's apartment was available, but Kravitz's 6,000-square-foot duplex, which he bought in October 2000 for \$8 million, reportedly has eight bathrooms.

Sizemore lawsuit

A woman has filed a lawsuit accusing actor Tom Sizemore of sexual harassment while he starred in the now-canceled CBS show "Robbery Homicide Division."

Loretta Jody Miller claims Sizemore repeatedly made lewd statements, groped her and exposed himself. She also alleged that she was fired after she complained.

Miller's position or relation to Sizemore were unclear. Calls to attorneys for Miller and Sizemore were not immediately returned.

Others named in the lawsuit include CBS Entertainment and Sizemore's holding company, Bare Knuckles Productions.

Sizemore, 42, who has appeared in such films as "Black Hawk Down" and "Saving Private Ryan," was sentenced in October to six months in jail on misdemeanor charges of physically abusing his girlfriend, Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss.

Stories and photo from wire services

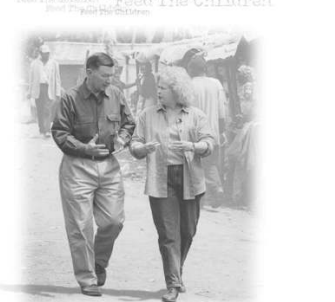


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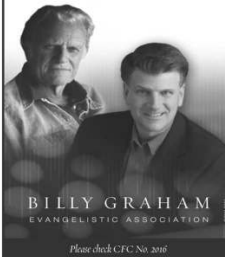
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Horoscope

The Aries moon lends extra energy, especially for beginning long, potentially arduous tasks. Venus and Saturn come to an understanding, and so might we, especially when the subject is romance and the past. Our mistakes and misjudgments taught us much, and we're better for the experience.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Oct. 26). Your compass guides you down the path of least resistance this year. You see opportunities where you never noticed them before because you realize that life doesn't have to be hard, that people want to help you and that you are loved more than you know before. Romance next month can turn into a solid committed relationship by 2005.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may be feeling uncharacteristically shy. Social situations can be stressful, even when you know everyone involved. Don't allow your mind to go down paranoid, winding paths you know lead nowhere.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a hard worker, and your hard work is paying off — though you probably won't know this in any tangible way until about 30 days from now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being culturally attuned is your thing. You know what's hip, hot and new, and people less clued in can't help but be attracted to you or even a little afraid of you. After all, you could expose them as being square and out of it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Job opportunities are featured, even if you're not currently looking. It's anything but a waste of time to investigate your options.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're unconsciously looking to bond with people who can parent you in some way. Role models will seem bigger than before, and you could find yourself

imitating them. It's a healthy thing to do because you're growing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in a creative mood and will be further inspired by friends in a similar pursuit to yours. A little competition is healthy, but being overly competitive could cause a blowout.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Solitude and quiet help you fill your well. But finding them is difficult with so many people around you, each following his or her own quest. Many try to involve you, and some try to fool you into taking on their problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your emotional warmth is infectious, which is why so many get close to you. Since you know what you want, you may as well ask everyone. You're only three degrees away from the very person who will solve your problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who live under the same roof still have much to learn about one another. Your nearest and dearest may have a value system that's different from yours. That doesn't make it wrong, just inconvenient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Getting into a new partnership isn't favored, but improving the partnership you're already in is an excellent use of your energy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have profound feelings and then possibly forget about them an hour later. It doesn't mean those thoughts are any less true or insightful; it's just that kind of day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've got a very specific vision of how this day should go, and hopefully, the people around you are on the same page. If not, there are many challenges. Cash talks. Throwing money at a problem makes it go away.

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Calvin and Hobbes



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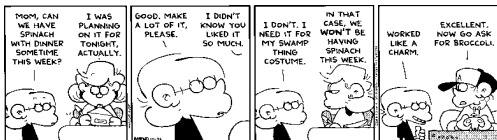
To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be re-written "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

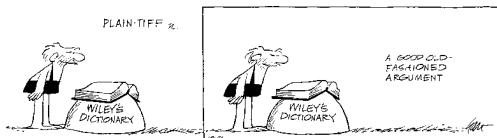
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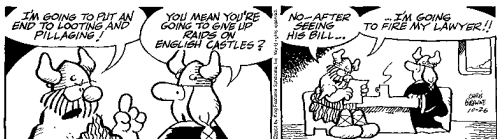
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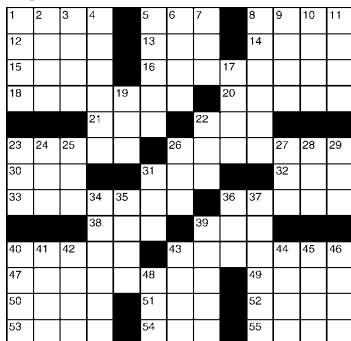
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 8 Rescue
- 12 Radius' neighbor
- 13 Pod occupant
- 14 On in years
- 15 Coaster
- 16 Unwavering
- 18 Affected in a negative way
- 20 Choir's accompaniment
- 21 Cover
- 22 One of Marilyn's husbands
- 23 Tony Cochran comic strip
- 26 Wilson's successor
- 30 — Canals
- 31 Run for exercise
- 32 Midafternoon social
- 33 Convertible alternative
- 36 Sits for pictures
- 38 Possess
- 39 Scoundrel
- 40 Words to live by
- 43 Construction worker
- 47 Privation
- 49 Hawkeyes' home
- 50 Shrek, for example
- 51 Commotion
- 52 Ski lift transport
- 53 Cold War abbr.
- 54 Chaps
- 55 Toss on a string

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- 2 Singer
- 3 Fitzgerald
- 3 Humdrum
- 4 Go like a duck
- 5 Garden pest
- 6 Trounce
- 7 Jam ingredient?
- 8 Holy
- 9 Enthusiastic, plus
- 10 Miles of film
- 11 Paradise
- 17 "Let's Make a Deal" option
- 19 Just one of the guys?
- 22 Binge
- 23 Bond shade
- 24 — Long way
- 25 Neither mate
- 26 School dance
- 27 "Monty Python" intro
- 28 Born
- 29 Petrol
- 31 Garfield's owner
- 34 Walk feebly
- 35 — company, ...
- 36 Standard
- 37 Believe it Or Not! item
- 39 Poultry buy
- 40 — En-lai
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- 42 Makes mistakes
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OPINION

Debates left some fertile ground uncovered

In the final inning of a seemingly endless presidential playoff, at least three issues surprisingly remain outside the ballpark.

Deroy Murdock



It is extraordinary that John Kerry huddled during wartime with enemy officials opposite whom U.S. diplomats negotiated. Kerry did so in May 1970, while in an inactive Navy Reserve office, even as Hanoi killed GIs and tortured U.S. POWs.

"I have been to Paris," Kerry told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on April 22, 1971. "I have talked with both delegations at the peace talks, that is to say the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government and of all eight of Madame Binh's points." These were, respectively, North Vietnam, the Viet Cong's political wing, and its delegate, Madame Nguyen Thi Binh.

Kerry was free to protest the Vietnam War at home. But communicating with hostile powers while Henry Kissinger confronted them at the bargaining table could not have advanced U.S. foreign policy. Nor did Kerry's July 1971 press conference endorsing verbatim the Viet Cong's peace proposal.

"I realize that even my visits in Paris," Kerry testified, "are on the borderline of private individuals negotiating."

Oops.

Kerry's Paris sojourn may have broken the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and self-evidently violated the 1799 Logan Act's prohibition on freelance diplomacy, and the Constitution's Article III, Section 3 structures against giving "Aid and Comfort" to America's enemies.

Imagine a Navy Reserve officer traveling to the Pakistan-Afghan frontier to sip tea with Osama bin Laden. He surely would come home to handcuffs. Yet, after tampering with actual peace negotiations, Kerry seeks the presidency.

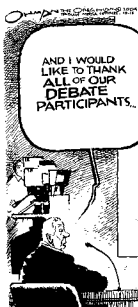
The words "mass graves" went unuttered across three debates. Friends and foes of Operation Iraqi Freedom should applaud this: The American-led coalition disabled Saddam Hussein's mass-graves program.

So far, investigators have identified at least 270 graves; others could hold an estimated 290,000 people. Reporters recently toured a site containing more than 200 corpses in al-Hatra. ... These innocents were shoved into the ground Nazi-style — with bulldozers.

Iraqi mass graves are now bad memories, not current nightmares. Inexplicably, President Bush barely mentions this huge humanitarian victory, something Kerry would concede. They both should address this matter.

Graham Allison's new book, "Nuclear Terrorism," features this chilling comment from al-Qaida spokesman Suleiman Abu Ghedhi: "We have the right to kill 4 million Americans — 2 million of them children — and to exile twice as many and wound and cripple hundreds of thousands."

Allison explains that al-Qaida blames Judeo-Christian infidels for the deaths of some 4 million Muslims due to, as Islamofas-



cists believe, America's posture toward Iraq since Gulf War I, the Taliban's ouster, Israel's Palestinian policy, etc. ...

Four million American deaths would equal a horror-movie version of Bill Murray's film "Groundhog Day." Every morning would be Sept. 11 for 1,343 days. Al-Qaida never could hijack that many jets. Allison imagines more-efficient methods.

"Detonated in Times Square, a 10-kiloton weapon could kill 1 million New Yorkers. And why should bin Laden or other terrorists stop with one? Four nuclear explosions,



in New York, Washington, Chicago, and Los Angeles, could achieve al Qaeda's gruesome goal of killing 4 million Americans."

Bush and Kerry should speak up about al-Qaida's desires to recreate in America two-thirds of what Hitler heaped upon European Jewry, only with the terrible, swift swords of suitcase nukes or homemade A-bombs. ... These questions merit greater discussion by candidates and voters alike before Nov. 2.

New York commentator Deroy Murdock is a columnist for Scripps Howard News Service.

Government's Stern rebuke is community's gain

The moans emanating from the airwaves these days are coming from AM-FM radio executives stunned by the insult of a rebuke from Howard Stern, the trashy disc jockey who has become fabulously wealthy as an icon for millions of Americans whose taste starts at the knees and ends at the neckline.

Dan Thomasson



Stern, as everyone knows by now, is taking his daily scatological meanderings to another venue, satellite subscription radio, where those who "get off" (to use one of his expressions) on gutter talk and juvenile stunts can pay for the privilege of listening to him convince young women to disrobe in his studio. How exciting. Well, they are certainly welcome to him, all 12 million of them. In fact, it is safe to say they deserve the (oops, almost used a Sternism here) they will receive in the process.

If cable television is any example, the \$12.95-a-month initial fee for this kind of radio will last about as long as any discerning human being above the IQ of moron and the age of 16 would spend listening to "Mr. Private Parts," the king of the talk-show snuff-peddlers. The odds are pretty good that the base rate plus premium packages charged by XM and Sirius, the two main satellite players, ultimately will rival those of Comcast and Cox and the rest of the big players in the viewing arts.

Then there is the question of government regulation, which is the reason Stern signed off of free radio and on to pay, a contract for \$200 million. There already is a clamor in Congress to start regulating cable content as it broadcasts TV and radio with substantial fines for indecent material. The FCC just lev-

ied some severe fines on Fox stations for pushing the limit of decency. If the guys who dreamed up subscription radio aren't aware that one of that attention will be directed to their enterprises, they have been blinded by the prospect of those dazzling Stern interviews with pornography stars.

But old Howard knows that the matter then becomes a First Amendment issue and such successful assault on his right to talk dirty to a paying audience will take a great many more years than he has left, if it could survive the constitutional challenges, which is doubtful.

Look at all the smut channels one can buy on cable and the mainliners such as HBO, which airs shows with degenerate killer heroes whose utterances are limited to "youse" punctuated fore and aft by the "F" word. Besides, Stern understands how to get in on the bottom floor of a good thing, having had a couple of decades of experience at a much lower level than that.

But he isn't going to be a pioneer in the new enterprise despite his silly messianic claims that his action will spell the end of AM and FM. A team of Stern knockoffs, who once did a running commentary of a couple having sex in a church, is already on board XM, which now has three times as many subscribers as Sirius, Stern's new employer.

It will be fascinating to see how many regular Stern listeners are willing to fork over the monthly fee when he switches from Infinity Broadcasting in 16 months.

This isn't a general condemnation of paid radio. For those who can afford it, the satellite concept offers a variety of music and other interesting programming, including news. Nor is it meant to criticize Sirius for signing Stern. Actually, it is a good solution.

It is where he belongs and it relieves the pressure on parents who don't want their youngsters listening to him but have been all too powerless to do anything about it. That is until they complained loudly enough

about his offensiveness that Congress and the FCC had to pay attention, especially after the Janet Jackson Super Bowl flash. Keeping him around ultimately was going to cut substantially into the \$100 million in revenue he allegedly generates each year.

That amount alone attests overwhelmingly to the commercial value of pandering to the basest tastes. Stern has lived on the edge of "prevailing community standards" (to borrow a Supreme Court phrase) for a long time, surviving a number of firings always to rise even higher. One day it is conceivable he will crash off a cliff of political correctness from which there is no recovery, as have several of his imitators. That day probably has been put off by his decision.

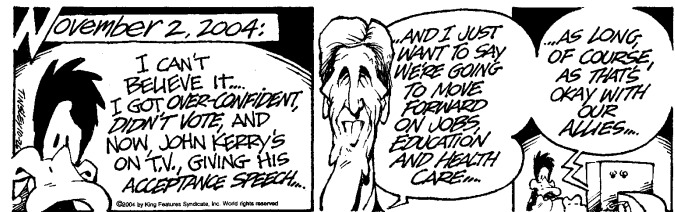
Meanwhile, he is laughing all the way to the bank.

His soon-to-be-former employers should welcome his departure.

Dan Thomasson is former editor of Scripps Howard News Service.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Blinking stop signs

NY NEW YORK — To twinkling orange Halloween lights and soon to come white and multicolored holiday lights, you can now add blinking stop signs.

Yes, stop signs. Under a city experiment, 13 stop signs at nine intersections on Staten Island will be festooned in lights to better grab motorists' attention from afar.

"We're excited to try new things," said city Transportation Commissioner Iris Weinshall.

She said the solar-powered "blinker stop" signs were suggested by President James Molinaro, who saw similar signs while visiting Florida.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

aminer's Office was conducting an autopsy, she said.

Daffy Duck politics

CA LOS ANGELES — The presidential campaign is getting a little Daffy.

The blustery Daffy Duck brashly tosses his hill into the ring as part of a new four-minute educational cartoon. He sets his sights on the White House with hopes of avenging alleged slights from Bugs Bunny by declaring year-round rabbit hunting season.

He promises "a rabbit in every pot," but stumbles along the campaign trail as that debonair bunny imparts tidbits of knowledge about the American political system.

Warner Bros. animators based "Daffy Duck for President" on a 1997 book written by Daffy's creator, legendary animator Chuck Jones, who died in 2002.

The tale of the duck's campaign is included in the upcoming Warner Bros. DVD "Looney Tunes — Golden Collection: Volume Two," which will sell for \$64.92.

It goes on sale Nov. 2, Election Day.

Expensive cab ride

TX EL PASO — The elderly couple in the back seat of Ismael Baeza's cab had a whistling parrot, but apparently no cash and no idea how to get home. But that didn't stop the taxi driver from

making the 10-hour, 500-mile trip that carried a \$1,200 fare.

The 24-year-old cabbie picked up the couple in El Paso.

They said they wanted to go to their hometown of Banderita, west of San Antonio.

Banderita police believe the couple may have Alzheimer's disease and aren't sure how they ended up in El Paso. Baeza said the couple told them they couldn't take a bus or plane home because of their parrot. Baeza said the parrot whistled all the way.

Baeza said the couple gave him several hundred dollars in traveler's checks. He wasn't sure Tuesday if they were any good.

Police later discovered the woman had about \$2,000 to \$3,000 in her wallet.

.22 caliber mouse hunt

PA CONFLUENCE — A man missed a mouse he was trying to shoot and wounded his girlfriend instead, state police said.

Donald Ruegg, 43, was trying to kill the rodent with a .22-caliber handgun when his girlfriend, Cathy Jo Harris, 38, apparently went into the line of fire and was hit in the arm, state police said.

Harris was in stable condition at Somerset Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said.

State police said they won't charge Ruegg, but advised against people shooting firearms indoors.

Senior gets a buzz

SC ROCK HILL — Police were reviewing whether it was proper for an officer to use a stun gun on a 75-year-old woman who refused to leave a nursing home where she'd gone to visit an ailing friend.

Margaret Kimbrell acknowledged she was distraught after unsuccessfully trying to visit a friend at the home but the officer "didn't have to do that. I didn't deserve this."

A police report said the woman tried to hit the officer.

Police charged Kimbrell with trespassing and resisting arrest.

Officer Hattie Macon, who joined the department about 18 months ago, remains on duty during the investigation.

"The nursing home staff called police after Kimbrell refused to leave. Police said Macon fired the taser, striking Kimbrell in the back and forcing her to the ground."

"I thought I was dying," Kimbrell said. "I didn't want to hurt her and I can't believe she would hurt me."

Marijuana bust

IN MARION — A telephone tip led police to more than two tons of marijuana with a street value of up to \$11 million, authorities said.

It took police more than 15 hours to cut open the 356 bales of pot, which weighed some 5,530 pounds. They found the drugs in two trucks parked behind a home in eastern Grant County, believed to be a stop on a drug distribution route from Texas, Prosecutor James Luttrill Jr. said.

Police arrested 10 people, including two who lived at the home, another resident of Marion, one from Hartford City in neighboring Blackford County and six from Texas.

Police were led there by a caller to the CrimeStoppers tip line.



Practice makes perfect Izette Maldonado, 8, is one of five students who got a chance to hang out at Tucson (Ariz.) Fire Department's Station No. 1 downtown, after they won a drawing contest on "How to test a smoke detector."



Bubble beauty Serendipity Tynker blows a bubble at a Renaissance Fair in Farmington, N.M.

Parent-teacher brawl

GA MACON — A teacher-parent brawl in front of 19 primary school pupils sent a mother to the emergency room and the teacher to jail.

Teacher Katrina Ann Rucker, 30, is charged with battery and cruelty to children for allegedly beating a parent who tried to retrieve her daughter's book bag, The Macon Telegraph newspaper reported.

According to police interviews, parent Lurella Amica went to Bruce-Weir Elementary School to deliver a note to her 9-year-old daughter.

At the classroom door, the girl told her mother that Rucker had thrown her bag in the trash can, the report stated. Amica entered the classroom and tried to get the book bag, but Rucker grabbed for it and the two struggled, the report said.

Rucker was placed on administrative leave.

Musher's dogs taken

AK ANCHORAGE — A three-time Iditarod musher is charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty after authorities removed 28 dogs from his Willow property.

David Straub was not feeding the animals, animal control officials said.

Ten of the dogs removed from the property last weekend were emaciated, officials said. But Straub, who acknowledges some of the animals were too thin, said animal control "acted like the Gestapo," swept in, and took his animals without giving him a chance to respond to their concerns.

Straub filed an appeal.

The dogs are now under government care while animal control looks for foster homes to allow the animals to recuperate, and the borough waits for the appeal to be decided, officials said.

If the dogs do not go back to Straub, they would be made available for adoption.

Body found on airplane

MI ROMULUS — A man's body was found in the wheel well of an American Airlines jet from Miami landing at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The body was found by an airport worker after passengers had disembarked. A cause of death and identity for the man, who was in his 20s, were not immediately known.

Detroit Metro spokeswoman Barbara Hagan said the flight originated in the Caribbean. She said it left Miami and landed at Detroit Metro. The Wayne County Medical Ex-



Groovy pooch

Pike, a 5-month-old yellow Labrador belonging to Tim and Jill Reynolds of Saginaw, Mich., wears a 1960s hippie outfit at Pet Supporter's "Plus" during the Saginaw Township Parks and Recreation Halloween pet costume contest.



Don't hurl! Jessica Hallett, 9, left, and her 7-year-old twin sisters, Tara, center, and Sarah, of Camden, Ark., hold on as they ride the Scrambler ride at the Arkansas State Fair in Little Rock.



Hippo pool party Blackie the hippo celebrated his 50th birthday at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo with a pumpkin for each decade. Blackie played with the pumpkins as zoo visitors sang him happy birthday.



Going home Leaving the Barren-Chairback Mountain Range for another day, background, Ryan Lenz hikes back to civilization after abandoning an attempt at hiking the 100-mile wilderness section of the Appalachian Trail, north of Monson, Maine.



Fun run Members of the Fargo Shanley High-Fargo Oak Grove High cross-country team worked out in costumes in Fargo's Oak Grove Park as a prelude to the North Dakota State Cross Country meet in Valley City.

'Granny Plant' dies

FL PEAA RIDGE — Florida's oldest resident, Eleanor Maebelle Barnes Gallops Plant, has died at 111.

Known as "Granny Plant," she was listed as the oldest person in Florida, ninth in the United States and 23rd in the world by the Gerontology Research Group based in Los Angeles.

Plant died at her home in Pea Ridge, an unincorporated Florida Panhandle community northeast of Pensacola.

She arrived in Santa Rosa County by covered wagon in 1911 with her parents and 10 siblings from Brantley, Ala.

She outlived two husbands, all her siblings and six of her nine children. Plant is survived by about 150 descendants spanning five generations. She survived colon cancer without chemotherapy or radiation and was cancer-free for 25 years.

Amazing landing

IL CHICAGO — Even minus a little engine that could, this cargo plane did.

A cargo plane from Chicago landed safely at Detroit Metropolitan Airport after dropping an engine somewhere over Michigan.

The Kalitta Air jet took off from O'Hare International Airport and was bound for New York's Kennedy International Airport when it reported mechanical problems with one of its engines, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said.

The Boeing 741-R was able to fly but was diverted as a safety precaution to Detroit, where it landed without incident, FAA officials said. No one was injured.

After the landing, airline personnel discovered the engine was completely gone, FAA officials said.

Michigan authorities searched for the engine, which may have fallen into Lake Michigan, the FAA said.

DNA, ski mask evidence

PA ALLENTOWN — DNA found in two ski masks left behind at a movie theater after a robbery have led to charges against two men nearly five years later, police said.

The DNA in the masks, which were found behind the Cinema Theatre in Hanover Township, Lehigh County, on Dec. 24, 1999, matched samples from two Allentown men now in prison for their roles in three shootings in the city, police said.

Donnie Mack, 23, and Maurice L. Tirado, 21, were taken from state prisons to Allentown and charged with robbing a manager of Christmas Eve receipts totaling about \$18,000.

Tirado and Mack were arraigned on robbery and theft charges and committed to Lehigh County Prison without bail.

A vacation and flu shot?

WA SEATTLE — Looking for a quick, healthy getaway? How about a high-speed ferry trip to Victoria, British Columbia, and a flu shot? Trying to capitalize on the flu shot shortage in the United States, Clipper Navigation is offering travelers aboard the Victoria Clipper a special rate of \$105 per person for round-trip transportation and influenza vaccination.

The normal fare is \$115 per person, the company said.

The shots will be available to pas-

sengers after they are cleared by Canada Customs and Immigration at the Belleville Terminal in Victoria's Inner Harbor, officials said.

Vaccines will be available until Dec. 31, officials said. Those who have already booked trips can add a flu shot for \$30.

The Victoria Clipper departs Seattle at 8 a.m. and leaves Victoria at 5 p.m. daily.

Murders of women

NY NEW YORK — One-third of the city's female homicide victims over the age of 12 were killed by their spouse or significant other, according to a new study.

Younger women (between the ages of 20 and 40), foreign-born women and black and Hispanic women were more likely than others to be killed by partners, the study by the city Health Department's Bureau of Injury Epidemiology found.

Specifically, 45 percent of women in the study were black and 33 percent were Hispanic, compared with 14 percent who were white.

More than half — 51 percent — were foreign-born.

A total of 1,030 women older than 12 were killed in the city between 1995 and 2002. Of those, 339 died at the hands of an intimate partner, while 369 were slain by others. The study classified the remaining 322 cases as "unknown."

Pigeon champ saved

NC DURHAM — A North Carolina farmer is credited with saving a champion homing pigeon that ended up more than 300 miles from his Pennsylvania home during a race.

The bird failed to return from an Oct. 11 event that began in Virginia City, Va., in the mountainous southwestern corner of the state.

Instead, the bird landed in a farmer's field in the Orange County community of Caldwell, 357 miles from its home and about 20 miles northwest of Durham, said Linda Cook, a licensed wildlife rehabilitation specialist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The bird was found unable to fly and couldn't find food on his own, Cook said.

Cook checked the band on the bird's leg and went to the Internet to track down its owner, she said and left a message through the American Racing Pigeon Union.

Green Bay show and tell

WI GREEN BAY — Twelve-year-old Rachel Hess brought in the biggest, strongest, fastest show-and-tell display ever — Green Bay Packer running back Ahman Green.

Rachel won a contest sponsored by J.C. Penney Co. Inc. and the NFL in cities with professional football teams throughout the nation.

She had to keep it secret for about two weeks before bringing Green to Greenville Middle School.

Green cited the Packers' problems this season as he talked to the students about why they should never give up, even when times are tough.

He also talked about growing up in Los Angeles, and realizing in junior high school that there is more to life than sports.

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Another very deep area of low pressure will push across the western United States bringing another blast of snow to the Sierras Tuesday and Wednesday. Rain will also affect California, Oregon and Washington. These areas will start to dry out late Wednesday and Thursday. Heavy snow is also possible across the central Rockies as the low trends eastward. Meanwhile, much warmer air will surge into the Great Plains with some thundershowers spreading into the Midwest through the period. High pressure will again be situated over Quebec, and this could lead to yet another dreary week for the mid-Atlantic. Warm weather will persist across Texas and the Deep South.

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Plane crash overshadows Johnson's Martinsville win

Hendrick team plane goes down en route to race with 10 aboard

BY HANK KURZ JR.

The Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Virginia — Jimmie Johnson's season-high sixth victory of the season Sunday was tempered by word that a plane carrying members of the Hendrick Motorsports organization had crashed with 10 people aboard on its way to the race.

There was no word on fatalities or injuries, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Arlene Murray said.

NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said the FAA has notified the National Transportation Safety Board, and "they're investigating to see what might have happened or what has happened."

Murray said the Beech 200 took off from Concord, N.C., and crashed in the Bull Mountain area about seven miles west of the Martinsville airport at about 12:30 p.m. EST.

Virginia State Police Sgt. Michael Bailey said rescue workers could not immediately reach the crash site because of the rough terrain.

NASCAR has spoken with team owner Rick Hendrick, Hunter said, adding that no other details about who was on the plane were immediately available.

"We're working very closely with members of the Hendrick organization," Hunter said. "We're just saying extra prayers right now."

Hendrick owns the teams of Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte and Brian Vickers in the Nextel Cup Series.

NASCAR learned of the plane's

disappearance during the race and withheld the information from the Hendrick drivers until it was over, Hunter said. All the Hendrick drivers were summoned to the NASCAR hauler immediately after the race and Johnson was excused from Victory Lane.

In Sunday's Subway 500 at Martinsville, Speedway Johnson pulled away from Rusty Wallace and Ryan Newman on a restart with seven laps to go to claim four spots in the season-ending title chase.

Kurt Busch was solid again and moved one step closer to wrapping up NASCAR's first playoff championship.

In a race in which leading contender Jeff Gordon struggled and Dale Earnhardt Jr. was never a factor, Busch finished fifth and expanded his points lead to 96 over Gordon and 125 over Earnhardt, who fell to third.

Earnhardt started the day just 24 points off the lead.

It was a superb day," said Busch, who started seventh and led a race-high 120 laps, earning an additional five-point bonus with four races left.

"You've got to step up to the plate and race hard in each of these final 10 races," he said. "We had a regular season and now we have a playoff and right now we haven't had a bad finish."

Busch has finished no worse than sixth in six races since NASCAR separated the top 10 in points for a 10-race championship playoff.

Gordon, seeking his fifth cham-



Subway 500 winner Jimmie Johnson left Victory Lane abruptly after learning that a plane carrying members of the Hendrick Motorsports organization had disappeared en route to the race.

pionship, started the day 74 points behind and gave his second straight dazzling show of driving, overcoming with strategy a car that ran in the mid-20s most of the day. He stayed on the track under a caution with about 150 laps to get track position, then remained in the top 10 the rest of the way and finished ninth.

Last week, Gordon crashed on the first lap at Charlotte, went two laps down, spun out and rallied to finish second and keep his hope alive.

Janie McMurray finished second, Newman was third and Sterling Marlin fourth, giving Dodge the top three spots behind Johnson's Chevrolet. Busch was the top Ford and was followed by Jeremy Mayfield and Jeff Green, both in Dodges, and the Chevroys of Kevin Harvick and Gordon.

Racing roundup

Schumacher, who started 18th after receiving a 10-place penalty for changing engines after a practice-session crash, never was in contention in the 71-lap event.

Juqueira stays alive in points race with Australia win

SURFERS PARADISE, Australia — Brazil's Bruno Juqueira spent his team's bid to clinch the Champ Car drivers' title.

Juqueira won Sunday's Lexmark Indy 300, meaning Newman/Haas teammate Sebastian Bourdais will take a 22-point lead over Juqueira into the season-ending race Nov. 7 in Mexico City.

The Frenchman came into the race with a 28-point lead over Juqueira, and needed only to pick up seven points more than his

teammate to clinch the title. But Juqueira earned 31 points en route to his second victory of the season and two more for posting the fastest lap during the race and for leading a lap at the 279.5-mile temporary street circuit.

"It feels good to have the points race still going," Juqueira said. Bourdais finished second and picked up 27 points.

Truex Jr. extends series lead with sixth Busch victory

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Martin Truex Jr. extended his Busch Series points lead Saturday, holding off Greg Biffle in a green-white-checkered finish in the Sam's Town 250 at Memphis Motorsports Park.

Truex's victory, his sixth of the season, extended his lead over Kyle Busch to 208 points as Busch, who was leading until lap 202, fell off after brushing the wall in the second turn and finished 14th.

Palmer finishes strong, denies Singh at Disney

The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Arnold Palmer couldn't have done it much better.

With a Sunday charge that would have made his namesake proud, Ryan Palmer birdied four straight holes down the stretch and closed

Golf roundup
with a 10-under 62 to win the Puna Classic at Disney by three shots over Vijay Singh and Briny Baird.

Palmer became the fifth PGA Tour rookie to win this year. "What a feeling," Palmer said. "I knew I could play. It was a matter of proving it to myself."

Not many paid attention to Palmer — no relation to the King — when he started the first five strokes of the round lead. No one could stop him at the end of a sunny day at Disney World, not even the No. 1 player in the world.

Along with two tap-in birdies set up by flawless iron play, Palmer chipped in from 40 feet on the 15th hole and made a 45-foot birdie on No. 17 that would have gone some 12 feet past the hole had it not caught the back of the cup.

His 62 was the lowest closing round by a winner on the PGA Tour since Phil Tatarangi had

a 62 in Las Vegas two years ago, and it tied the Disney record held by Duffy Waldorf (2000) and John Huston (1992).

The 28-year-old Texan finished at 22-under 266 and earned \$756,000 for his first PGA Tour victory. It allows him to play the Chrysler Championship next week in Tampa, where he might be able to sew up a spot in the Masters by finishing in the top 40 on the money list.

Singh, trying to win his fourth straight PGA Tour event, three-putted for bogey on No. 16 to end his chances.

Sterne wins Madrid Open

MADRID, Spain — Richard Sterne shot a 5-under-par 65 and rallied to win the Madrid Open by two shots on Sunday, earning the 23-year-old South African his first European tour victory and playing rights on the continent for another year.

The 2001 South African and Indian amateur champion started the day a stroke behind third-round co-leaders Darren Fitchard (71) and Paul Broadhurst (70). Sterne made the turn in 5 under, including an eagle on the 518-yard No. 4 for the second time in three days — and closed out a bogey-free round for an 18-under 266.

Anders Hansen of Denmark shot 66 and was at 16 under.

Miller plows past field in season-opening CS

The Associated Press

SOELDEN, Austria — Bode Miller got off to the perfect start in his quest to become the first American in 22 years to win the World Cup overall title.

Miller captured the season-opening giant slalom by more than a second Sunday, reasserting his dominance of the discipline he won last season.

"It's the race of season, and you never know how the others are skiing," Miller said. "It's a challenging hill and I almost went down couple of times in the second run, so when I got across the finish line I was already excited, never mind the time difference."

No American has won the overall title since Phil Mahre in 1983, but Miller believes he is ready to break that drought. He finished fourth overall last season.

"I just turned 27 a week ago and I think I'm at the point where I have a lot of experience. I know all the hills, I know what it takes to win on them, even if I haven't won on them yet. I have what it takes. I think the sky is the limit," Miller said.

The victory was the 13th of Miller's career, including seven in giant slalom. He also has three slalom victories and three in combination.

By winning in Soelden for the second straight season, the defending World Cup GS champion helped cap an embarrassing

Sports briefs

weekend for the Austrians — who were kept off the podium on home snow in women's and men's races.

Miller reached the bottom of the steep Rettenbach Gletscher course in a two-run time of 2 minutes, 16.44 seconds, a whopping 1.17 seconds ahead of Italy's Massimiliano Blaudone. Finland's Kale Palander, who finished second to Miller last season in the giant slalom standings, was third.

Safin tops Nalbandian

MADRID, Spain — Marat Safin defeated David Nalbandian 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 Sunday to win the \$3 million ATP Madrid Open. Safin closed to locking up a berth in the season-ending Tennis Masters Cup in Houston next month.

The third-seeded Russian broke Nalbandian's first two service games and won the first set in 29 minutes.

Molik upsets Sharapova

ZURICH, Switzerland — Australia's Alicia Molik upset Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova 6-6, 6-2, 6-3 on Sunday in the final of the Swisscom Challenge.

Molik, the Olympic bronze medalist at Athens, ended Sharapova's 10-match win streak and denied the 17-year-old Russian a third straight tournament title.

Montoya ends season on winning note

The Associated Press

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Juan Pablo Montoya won on his final day for Williams-BMW on Sunday, beating former McLaren teammate Kimi Raikkonen to capture the Brazilian Grand Prix.

In the final race of the season, native son Rubens Barrichello started from the pole for the second straight year and led early, but finished third in his best performance in 12 attempts at Interlagos. Barrichello's Ferrari teammate Michael Schumacher, took seventh place.

It was a disappointment for Ferrari, who won 15 of the 18 races this year and had Schumacher, who had 13 of the victories, claim his seventh Formula One title.

The victory was Montoya's fourth in his Formula One career and first since the 2003 German Grand Prix. Next year, Montoya will drive for McLaren with Raikkonen, who won the Belgian Grand Prix this year.

Berlin throws 5 TDs to hold off N.C. State

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — His offensive line kept the blitzing defenders away, and his receivers kept getting open. Brock Berlin did his part, too.

The Miami quarterback tied a school record with five touchdown passes and Devin Hester returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for another score, helping the fourth-ranked Hurricanes hold off North Carolina State 45-31 Saturday night.

The Wolfpack had been leading the country in total defense, allowing only 204 yards a game with a wide array of blitzes and coverages. Miami piled up 416 yards, and Berlin was never sacked.

"They came out firing, but I think our guys did a great job of preparing," Berlin said.

The Hurricanes (6-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) gave up 440 yards — 259 in the first half alone — but remained the only team in the conference without a loss. They took advantage of numerous mistakes by the Wolfpack (4-3, 3-2), who were trying to beat a top-10 team for the first time since 2001.

N.C. State went deep in its playbook, too. Kicker John Deraney recovered an onside kick in the first quarter, and later, tailback T.A. McLendon took a direct snap and ran for 13 yards out of the first of two unusual formations used by the Wolfpack.

"We felt we had some things we could take advantage of in both the run and the passing game," N.C. State coach Chuck Amato said. "But you can't shoot yourself in the foot, you just can't do it."

Two passages of encouragement from former Wolfpack stars Torry Holt and Phil Rivers also were played on the scoreboard, but it wasn't enough. Miami used two dominating drives just after halftime to pull a 17-17 tie from a 10-10 deficit there, thanks mostly to Berlin.

"They came out in the third quarter and put their foot down," Amato said.

In Miami's previous game against Louisville, Berlin helped the Hurricanes rally from a 17-point deficit in the final 20 minutes in what coach Larry Coker called the best performance of his career.

Berlin was even better in this one.

"There's no doubt about it," Coker said.

Two of Berlin's scoring tosses went to Roscoe Parrish, including a 27-yarder early in the second quarter on the first play after N.C. State's Bobby Washington fumbled on a kickoff return. Senior Moses, Quadre Hill and Lance Leggett caught the other touchdown passes, and Moss later dropped another sure score.

"First of all, they came out and played us man," Parrish said. "You cover every receiver man-to-man all game, it's like an insult."

Berlin finished 15-for-30 for 265 yards and added a couple of clutch third-down runs to keep drives going. Bernie Kosar, Steve Walsh and Ken Dorsey are the other players with five TD passes at Miami.

"That means a lot, it really does," Berlin said. "I'm in some really good company with those guys."

Jay Davis threw four touchdown passes for N.C. State, which couldn't overcome Washington's fumble and three other turnovers in the first half.

"It was a tough feeling losing this game because we felt like we made some key mistakes early in the game that if we hadn't made, they would have changed the outcome of the game," Davis said.

No. 1 USC 38, Washington 0: At Los Angeles, Matt Leinart passed for 217 yards and two touchdowns, LenDale White ran for two scores and the Trojans handed Washington its first shutout since 1981.

USC (7-0, 4-0 Pac-10) blew the game



Southern Cal's Chris McFoy, right, stiff-arms University of Washington's Joe Lebednam, center, as Jimmy Newell defends during the second half on Saturday in Los Angeles. Top-ranked USC won 38-0, the first time since 1981 that Washington has been shut out.

open by scoring three touchdowns in the third quarter for a 31-0 lead. Off to their best start since 1988 when they won their first 10 games, the Trojans have won 16 straight, 19 in a row at home and 27 of 28 overall.

The outcome ensured Washington's first losing season in 28 years. The Huskies (1-6, 0-4) are off to their worst start since 1973, when they lost seven of eight to begin the season.

No. 7 California 38, Arizona 0: At Tucson, Aaron Rodgers threw three first-half touchdowns and J.J. Arrington topped 100 yards rushing for the sixth consecutive game to lead California.

Geoff McArthur broke the Cal record for career yards receiving with his 11-yard TD reception 11 seconds before halftime. McArthur caught six for 94 yards to give him 2,768 career yards, breaking Bobby Shaw's record of 2,731 set from 1994 through 1997.

The Bears (5-1, 3-1 Pac-10) posted their first shutout since a 17-0 victory over UCLA on Oct. 16, 1999. Arizona (1-6, 0-4) lost its sixth in a row.

No. 8 Texas 51, Texas Tech 21: Vince Young had a career-high 300 yards of total offense, ran for four touchdowns and threw for another to lead visiting Texas.

Young finished with a season-high 158 yards on 25 carries. He scored touchdowns on runs of 2, 2, 1 and 11 yards, and ran for 121 yards in the second half.

Cedric Benson, the nation's leading rusher coming in, finished with 168 yards on 38 carries and one touchdown for Texas (6-1, 3-1 Big 12). He became the sixth player in NCAA Division I history to rush for 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons.

Sonny Cumbie completed 34 of 51 passes for 403 yards and a touchdown for the Red Raiders (4-3, 3-2).

No. 9 Utah 63, UNLV 28: Morgan Scalley returned the opening kickoff 90 yards and two touchdowns, and Alex Smith threw for three TDs and ran 70 yards for another for Utah at home.

The Utes (3-0 Mountain West) reached

their highest point total in 10 years and improved to 7-0 for the fourth time in school history.

The Utes blocked two punts and scored their most points since running up 66 against Idaho State in 1994, which was the last time they were 7-0.

Dominique Dorsey ran 24 times for 179 yards and two touchdowns for the Rebels (2-6, 1-3), who have lost nine of the 10 meetings with Utah.

No. 10 Georgia 20, Arkansas 14: David Greene threw for a career-high 382 yards and two touchdowns, and Thomas Brown rushed for 107 yards.

Fred Gibson caught six passes for 169 yards and a touchdown for the Bulldogs (6-1, 3-1, Southeastern Conference). Reggie Brown had seven receptions for 107 yards.

Arkansas' offense lacked much of its punch with quarterback Matt Jones hobbled by a groin injury. He played most of the game, but the Razorbacks (3-4, 1-3) had just 278 yards total offense. They fumbled the ball four times, losing it twice, and were scoreless in the second half.

No. 11 Tennessee 17, Alabama 13: Tennessee turned to its defense to turn back Alabama's late rally, and the Volunteers held on for a victory with key stops and an interception in the final seconds.

The Crimson Tide (5-3, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) was trailing by a touchdown when Brian Bosnick's 47-yard field goal with 6:26 left pulled Alabama within four.

Tennessee (6-1, 4-1) allowed the Tide to get to midfield on its next drive, but Omar Gaither dropped Alabama's Kenneth Darby for a loss of 3 to make it fourth-and-6.

Alabama got a break when Parys Haralson was called for roughing the passer on fourth down, moving the ball to the Tennessee 37. The Vols got another stop behind the line, and Corey Campbell secured the win with an interception at the 15 with 46 seconds remaining.

No. 18 LSU 24, Troy 20: Marcus Randall threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to

David Jones with 2:18 left to give the Tigers a come-from-behind victory.

The Trojans (3-4) had just 36 yards of offense in the first half, but trailed only 17-10 at the break thanks to LSU turnovers.

Turnovers also allowed the Trojans to stay with the Tigers (5-2) throughout the second half.

Randall completed 24 of 37 passes for 328 yards and a touchdown.

He was intercepted three times and sacked twice.

No. 19 Boise St. 33, Fresno St. 16: At Boise, Jared Zabransky passed for 227 yards and a touchdown, and Boise State held Fresno State to 17 yards rushing.

The Broncos (7-0, 4-0 Western Athletic Conference) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games and improved to 7-0 for the first time in school history.

Lee Marks ran for 112 yards and Tyler Jones kicked four field goals to help Boise State win its 22nd straight WAC game.

After starting the season 3-0, Fresno State (3-3, 0-3) has lost three straight conference games.

No. 21 Arizona State 49, UCLA 42: Andrew Walter threw for 415 yards and six touchdown passes, two in a wild fourth-quarter rally, to lead Arizona State.

The senior tied Danny White (1971) for the second-most TD passes in a game by an Arizona State quarterback.

Walter has 21 TD passes this season against six interceptions, although the Bruins (4-3, 2-2 Pac-10) picked him off three times. Derek Hagan had three scoring grabs for the Sun Devils (6-1, 3-1).

No. 22 Oklahoma State 20, Missouri 17: Jason Ricks kicked a 28-yard field goal with 55 seconds left and the visiting Cowboys rallied from a 17-point deficit.

Oklahoma State (6-1, 3-1 Big 12) drove 78 yards to set up the winning kick. The drive was kept alive when Donovan Woods connected with his brother, D-Juan Woods, for a 27-yard gain on third-and-4 from the Oklahoma State 42.

Missouri (4-3, 2-2) appeared headed for an easy win after going ahead 17-0 with 54 seconds left in the first half.



Michael Hart, left, ran through Purdue for 206 yards, the most ever by a Michigan freshman, in the Wolverines' sixth-straight victory.

Rivas, Hart pump up Michigan vs. Purdue

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Michigan is proving that sometimes experience isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Freshman Michael Hart rushed for 206 yards and Garrett Rivas hit a 35-yard field goal with 2:45 to go to lift the 13-ranked Wolverines to a 16-14 win over No. 12 Purdue on Saturday.

Hart broke Ricky Powers' Michigan record for rushing yards by a freshman and also caught a touchdown pass from fellow freshman Chad Henne to help the Wolverines (7-1, 5-0 Big Ten) keep pace with No. 6 Wisconsin atop the conference.

"Michael Hart certainly has done his share," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "He's a special kid. He has a durability that is just amazing for a kid who just graduated from high school a few months ago."

Michigan's talented teens, Hart and Henne, outplayed Purdue's star seniors, Kyle Orton and Taylor Stubbsfield.

Orton was 14-for-30 for 213 yards, a touchdown and an interception, and Stubbsfield had just one catch for 10 yards.

The scene was all too familiar for Purdue (5-2, 2-2), which again had a costly fumble late to lose its second game in a row after starting the season with five straight wins for the first time since 1945.

After Rivas' field goal, Orton hit Dorien Bryant on a crossing pattern that moved the Boilermakers into Michigan territory.

But Michigan defensive back Markus Curry sent Bryant flying with a low hit and Ernest Shazor hit him high, forcing a fumble that Leon Hill recovered to seal the win.

"It hurts, obviously," Bryant said. "Coaches and guys on the team preach that a football game never comes down to one play, but when something like that happens, you feel like it's all on your shoulders."

Last week against Wisconsin,

Purdue led 17-13 in the fourth, but Orton fumbled on a similar high-low hit and Scott Starks returned it 40 yards for the game-winning score.

"This was a very tough football game and now we've had two heartbreakers," Orton said. "There's not much to say."

Rivas was shaky all day, missing a 38-yarder in the third and also having a 32-yarder blocked by Bobby Iwuchukwu in the fourth.

The sophomore said Carr asked him if he was ready for another shot.

"I told him that he can always count on me," Rivas said. "I don't think he was losing faith, he was just making sure I was still on point."

He was, calmly drilling the biggest kick of the day to give the Wolverines their fourth victory in a row over Purdue.

While Rivas was the hero, Hart was the workhorse. A week after going for 234 yards against Illinois, Hart used his speed and power on 33 carries to tear up Purdue's run defense.

Henne was solid, throwing for 190 yards and a touchdown, but wisely leaned on Hart.

Orton continued to struggle against Michigan and can probably forget about winning the Heisman Trophy.

Michigan's defensive backs, which have dominated the Purdue receivers in recent years, gave Orton little breathing room on Saturday, sacking him three times and shutting down Stubbsfield, the Big Ten's career leading receiver.

"Obviously, all of those corners and the secondary did a great job because we had some great hits, and we tackled well," Carr said.

Orton said he thought the Wolverines were getting away with holding.

"Our offense is based on timing and throwing the ball and running clean routes and if you're getting held, if you're getting interfered with, just make the obvious calls," Orton said.

Overtime battle with Browns is hardest test yet for Eagles

4 TDs for McNabb; Akers wins it with 50-yard field goal

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The only sign that Terrell Owens didn't have an issue with was the scoreboard.

David Akers kicked a 50-yard field goal in overtime and Donovan McNabb matched a career high with four touchdown passes — two to Owens — as the Philadelphia Eagles remained unbeaten with a 34-31 victory over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

Akers' kick barely cleared the crossbar in front of Cleveland's Dawg Pound with 5:02 remaining in OT as the Eagles (6-0) improved their best record since 1981.

They survived their stiffest test by far this season from the Browns (3-4), who made as many big plays as the Eagles and got a favorable call in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

McNabb finished 28-for-43 for 376 yards, but set up Akers' game-winning with a 28-yard run.

Owens, whose feud with Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia — his former San Francisco teammate — dominated the preseason hype, had four catches for 109 yards. He scored two TDs in the first half, and after each one, the controversial Owens, who has eight TD catches already this season, took exception to signs hanging in the stadium directed at him.

The brash wideout, who came out for pregame warmups escorted by security personnel and was the last Eagle to take the field after introductions, caught a 39-yard TD pass to give Philadelphia a 14-7 lead.

He celebrated by spiking the ball off a sign saying "T.O. has B.O."

In the second quarter, Owens got behind cornerback Anthony Henry for an easy 40-yard TD reception to make it 21-0. This time, he ripped another sign targeting him off the wall and was flagged for excessive celebration. Owens went 21-for-26 with 236 yards and tied the game at 31 with 30 seconds to go in regulation on a 4-yard run.

That came after a questionable ruling called against Eagles safety Brian Dawkins, who was



Philadelphia's Josh Parry (49) is tackled by Cleveland's Dayton McCutcheon after a 14-yard pass reception Sunday in Cleveland.

flagged on a fourth-and-7 play despite making minimal contact with Garcia.

The Browns had the ball just once in overtime before punting to the Eagles, who are an NFL-best 28-7 on the road since 2000. On first down, McNabb couldn't find anyone open and scrambled to the 50-yard line.

Dorsey Levens, who came in when Brian Westbrook went out with a bruised chest, ran the ball twice as the Eagles got to the 32.

Akers, second in field-goal accuracy (82.8) in league history entering the season, then booted the winner for the NFC's only unbeaten team.

Philadelphia trailed 24-21 after three periods, the first time in 23 quarters the Eagles were behind at the end of a quarter. They weren't down long, though.

McNabb completed his fourth

TD pass, shoveling a 2-yarder to tight end L.J. Smith on the second play of the fourth period to put Philadelphia ahead 28-24.

Cleveland's Frisman Jackson blocked the ensuing kickoff and the Eagles got a 38-yard field goal from Akers.

Garcia's 21-yard TD pass to Steve Heiden in the third quarter gave the Browns a 24-21 lead, putting Philadelphia behind in the second half for the first time this season.

The first half was an offensive shootout as the teams combined for 527 yards on offense. McNabb was 15-for-19 for 264 yards in the first 30 minutes as the Eagles took a 21-17 halftime lead.

The Browns were in danger of getting blown out in the second quarter, but linebacker Andrea Davis picked off McNabb's throw at the Cleveland 10.

Cleveland then pulled within 21-17 on Lee Suggs' 13-yard run.

BYU overwhelms Air Force

The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — John Beck threw for 319 yards and four touchdowns, and Curtis Brown ran for 128 yards to help Brigham Young overcome a sluggish start and beat Air Force 41-24 on Saturday.

Dennis Pitta blocked a punt and caught two touchdown passes,

Todd Watkins had six catches for 153 yards and a touchdown, and BYU (4-4, 3-1 Mountain West) had 527 yards for win for the third time in four games.

Air Force (3-4, 2-2) couldn't get much going with its option — 213 yards on 47 carries — didn't give quarterback Shaun Carney much time to throw off a blocked punt for the third time in two games.

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Fiedler's passing and trick plays prove just the thing for Dolphins

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins finally gave their fans reason to celebrate, combining a polished offensive performance with solid defense for their first victory this season, 31-14 over the St. Louis Rams on Sunday.

Coming into the game with the worst record in their 39-year history, the Dolphins (1-6) took out their frustration on the Rams, who had at least five players injured in having a three-game winning streak halted.

Much-maligned quarterback Jay Fiedler threw for two touchdowns, coach Dave Wannstedt made some risky calls that paid off, and Miami held the Rams' explosive offense in check.

Fiedler, a frequent target of boos recently, held none as he went 13-for-17 for 203 yards. He shrugged off five sacks and three touchdown passes of 42 yards to Randy McMichael and 71 yards to Chris Chambers.

The conservative Wannstedt, his job in jeopardy, took some uncharacteristic gambles to keep St. Louis guessing. A 48-yard pass by receiver Marty Booker set up the game's first score, and Miami also pulled off a fake punt and tried a halfback pass.

The Dolphins scored four touchdowns, matching their total for the first six games, and the ball seemed to bounce their way for a change. For instance, a pass by Fiedler slipped through the hands of safety Aeneas Williams and was caught by McMichael for a 14-yard gain.

Miami, which came into the game with a league-high 17 turnovers, committed none. A replay overturned a fumble lost by Chambers in the fourth quarter, and instead of a turnover the drive produced a 43-yard field goal by Matt Bryant for a 24-7 lead.

The Rams' lone turnover was costly, when Marc Bulger's pass was intercepted in the end zone when St. Louis was threatening to tie the game in the third quarter.



Miami's Sammy Morris (31) and Jay Fiedler (9) celebrate Morris' first-quarter touchdown on Sunday against the St. Louis Rams.

The Dolphins dominated on special teams with ferocious hitting, including a block by rookie Tony Bua that took out two Rams on a 20-yard punt return.

Although the crowd was announced as a sellout, the stands were half empty. But fans made plenty of noise, especially when a trick play helped Miami score first. Booker took a handoff on a reverse, then threw deep to Chambers.

On the next play, Sammy Morris scored Miami's first rushing touchdown of the season on an 8-yard run.

Bidding to break a 7-7 tie, the Dolphins went backward on three

consecutive plays and faced a third-and-27 situation. Fiedler then found McMichael streaking down the middle for a touchdown with 22 seconds left in the half.

The Rams, who staged come-from-behind victories in their past two games, tried to rally again after falling behind 24-7. They converted two fourth downs, including one when a replay review turned an incomplete into a 23-yard gain, and scored on Bulger's 15-yard pass to Shaun McDonald with 4:51 left.

Miami answered with the clincher 27 seconds later. Fiedler threw a short third-down pass to Chambers, who found a seam and sprinted to the end zone.

Holmes, Blalock pace Chiefs' romp

Running backs each score four TDs as K.C. shreds Atlanta defense

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Priest Holmes sprained his ankle early in the second half, clearing the way for Derrick Blalock to score the other half of Kansas City's NFL-record eight rushing touchdowns in a 56-10 rout of the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday.

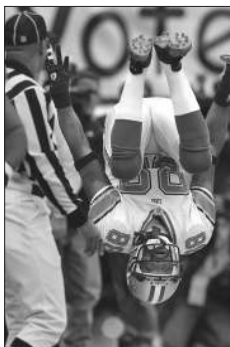
Holmes and Blalock shredded what had been the NFL's leading defense against the rush. Holmes scored on runs of 1, 2, 2 and 15 yards during a 35-0 first-half blitz, and was stopped a couple of feet short of a fifth TD rushing for the Chiefs (2-4).

Holmes, who set the NFL record last year with 27 rushing TDs, carried 22 times for 139 yards before leaving with a mild ankle sprain. That served only to get Blalock, his backup, into the flow. Blalock, who had a 7-yard TD run in the first half, immediately scored on a 1-yard run after Holmes was hurt. He added TD runs of 3 yards early in the fourth period and 2 yards with 1:59 to play in a game in which the Chiefs had a team-record 36 first downs. Blalock finished with 90 yards in 19 carries.

Chargers 17, Panthers 6: At Charlotte, N.C., LaDainian Tomlinson scored on an 8-yard run and San Diego (4-3) equaled its victory total of last season.

Defending NFC champion Carolina (1-5) has lost four straight games.

Trailing 10-6 with 6:29 to play, the Panthers used three long passes plays to Keary Colbert to move into scoring range. But after a sure touchdown slipper through Multi-Millionaire's fingers in the end zone, the Panthers seemed to panic. They ran Nick Goings for 5 yards on second-and-15 at the 30, then handed off to rookie Joey Harris on third-and-10.



Detroit Lions wide receiver Reggie Swinton performs a back flip after scoring a touchdown in the fourth quarter against the New York Giants on Sunday. The Lions won 28-13.

Harris barely gained a yard, seemingly setting Carolina up for John Kasay's field goal. Instead, the Panthers went for it and Muhammad failed to make the reception to keep the drive alive.

Carolina's run defense, which stifled Tomlinson the entire game, finally cracked. And Jesse Chatman broke free for a 52-yard gain, then scored the game-breaking touchdown on a 5-yard run with 1:42 to play in a near-empty stadium.

Ravens 20, Bills 6: At Baltimore, Deion Sanders returned an interception 48 yards for a touchdown and also picked off a pass in the

end zone to lead the Ravens past Buffalo (1-5).

Chad Williams went 94 yards with an interception for the Ravens, who spluttered offensively but took advantage of five turnovers.

Baltimore (4-2) played without running back Jamal Lewis, serving a two-game suspension for violating NFL substance-abuse rules.

Chester Taylor filled in for Lewis and ran for 89 yards on 21 carries, but the victory was primarily the result of Sanders' stellar play as part of a Baltimore defense that intercepted four passes off Buffalo's Drew Bledsoe.

Buccaners 19, Bears 7: Michael Pittman rushed for 109 yards and a touchdown as Tampa Bay (2-5) beat Chicago (1-5) in a matchup of teams desperately needing to jump-start disappointing seasons.

Brian Griese threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Michael Clayton and Martin Gramatica kicked two 23-yard field goals for Tampa Bay.

Lions 28, Giants 13: At East Rutherford, N.J., Joey Harrington threw two touchdown passes and Chris Cash made a diving interception in the end zone late in the first half to lead the Lions (4-2) past New York (4-2).

Kevin Jones scored on a 2-yard run and Artose Pinner led the game with an 8-yard TD run as the Lions won their third straight away from home and snapped a four-game winning streak for the Giants.

Vikings 20, Titans 3: At Minneapolis, Daunte Culpepper completed 24 of 30 mostly low-risk passes and an aggressive defense knocked Titans quarterback Steve McNair out of the game as Minnesota (5-1) topped Tennessee (2-5).

After throwing for 10 touchdowns the last two weeks, Culpepper finished with 183 yards and one score to Marcus Robinson just before halftime. Rookie Mewelde Moore rushed for 138 yards on 20 carries.

Randy Moss extended his consecutive games streak to 102 with a token start, but his strained right hamstring kept him out of Minnesota's plans and he went without a catch for the first time in his seven-year career.

The All-Pro tight end didn't come just for the second half, and — although the only two routes he ran weren't long — the Vikings said Moss aggravated the injury.

Scobee's 53-yarder gives Jags a late win

BY MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Byron Leftwich led Jacksonville on a 30-yard drive in the final four minutes and rookie Josh Scobee kicked in the second-long 53-yard field goal to help the Jaguars pull off a 27-24 victory Sunday over the Indianapolis Colts.

Scobee was Jacksonville's fifth fourth-quarter victory this season and marked the first time the Jaguars (5-2) have won in four tries in Indianapolis.

Leftwich, who was 23-of-30 for 300 yards and two touchdowns, was at his best late, ending the game with three straight scoring drives.

The Colts' four-game winning streak ended after a rusty performance that gave the Jaguars the lead in the AFC South.

Indianapolis (4-2) committed a season-high 11 penalties, turned the ball over twice, and its defense struggled to get off the field. Five-time Pro Bowl receiver Marvin Harrison played despite an injured left shoulder, and quarterback Peyton Manning and receiver Reggie Wayne even got into a shouting match late in the game.

Manning was 27-of-39 for 368 yards and three touchdowns and Edgerrin James rushed 18 times for 87 yards, yet the Colts' offense was kept off the field for long stretches and couldn't get into scoring position on the final possession.

Leftwich got the ball with 3:52 remaining and hooked up with Fred Taylor for 11 yards and Todd Yoder for 12 to open the drive.

At the Jaguars calmly moved into field goal territory, they continued to run time off the clock, forcing the Colts to use their three timeouts.

Even a scum on third-and-9 from the Colts 29 couldn't derail Jacksonville. Scobee, whose long-range kicking has been a goal for 48 years, blasted his winning kick just inside the right goal post. It barely dropped over the crossbar to put the Jaguars ahead with 38 seconds left.

The Colts could only get the ball to midfield, and Manning was unable to get a long pass on the game's final play.

It was that kind of day for the Colts.

Jacksonville turned Dallas Clark's fumble into a field goal early in the fourth quarter, giving the Jaguars a 16-14 lead.

The Colts needed just the advantage back on Mike Vanderjag's 35-yard field goal five minutes later after a touchdown pass from Manning to Harrison was overruled. A replay showed Harrison stepped out of bounds before making the catch.

The Colts needed just five plays to answer, hooking up with Jimmy Smith on a 25-yard TD pass with 6:41 remaining. That made it 24-16.

Manning hit Harrison for a tying 39-yard scoring strike with 3:52 left.

Ex-WCAP members excel in Ten-Miler

Guardsman Browne breaks record; two others in top four

By LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The dominant color of the 20th anniversary of the Army Ten-Miler in Washington Sunday wasn't green, it was blue — the color of 20,000 runners' lips as they made their way through a 48-degree drizzle.

Well, at least there wasn't any wind, said the winner, Army National Guard Capt. Dan Browne, who took an early lead and cruised virtually alone for the entire course, crossing the finish line in 47 minutes, 29 seconds.

Capt. Ryan Kirkpatrick, who won this race in 2002 with a time of 48:35, finished second at 48:43 as soldiers took three of the top four places. All three soldiers are former members of the Army's World Class Athlete Program.

Browne, 29, graduated from West Point in 1997 and was immediately accepted into the WCAP in Colorado Springs, Colo. After leaving WCAP under what was then the Army's "early out" program, Browne committed to eight years in the Guard and remains a world-class runner, competing in this year's Athens Olympics.

Browne never faltered after taking the early lead.

"It was really lonely out there," the ebullient Browne said after the race, barely out of breath.

Browne "just wanted to run by himself today," said Kirkpatrick, Browne's friend and former West Point and WCAP training partner. "It was his race."

Kirkpatrick just completed his three-year contract in WCAP, and is about to begin his captain's course as a Signal Corps officer.

Once that obligation is finished, Kirkpatrick said, he hopes for another try at WCAP.

"If I keep competing [as a runner], I'd like to stay in the Army," Kirkpatrick said. "The Army has been extremely supportive of me. Without them, I would never have had these opportunities."

The third-place finisher was an Italian runner, Luigi La Bella, who came in at 49:32, followed in fourth place by Sgt. Teddy Mitchell,

ell, a New Mexico National Guard personnel and administration specialist who ran what he said was a "disappointing" 50:03.

"I really, really wanted to break 50" minutes, said Mitchell, 32. "I wanted to do a good job for the National Guard. To come so close is just... arrrrghh."

The weather Sunday, which was a complete contrast to last year's picture-perfect autumn day, "probably produced some of the worst times ever run out here," Mitchell said. "I ran the same time

two years ago and finished ninth. For most of us [elite runners], we were 30 or 40 seconds slower because of the weather."

The weather was so poor that the Army's parachute team, the Golden Knights, did not complete a pre-race jump it had intended to dedicate to "our fellow soldiers serving in harm's way," according to team leader Sgt. 1st Class Dan Moesch in a prepared press release about the jump.

Not everyone disliked the weather, however.

"This was perfect," enthused Ryan Carrara, a civilian contractor for Raytheon, which is supporting the U.S. European Command during the upcoming Asso-



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With the Pentagon still in sight, Army Capt. Dan Browne, Capt. Ryan Kirkpatrick (17) and Teddy Mitchell pull away from the other runners in the Army Ten-Miler.

near-falls were common, according to runners.

"The wet track hurts a lot," Carrara said. "It was really slippery."

Many runners fell, and "I almost went down myself," Carrara said. "But I caught [myself] at the last second."



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Runners break from the starting line Sunday in the 20th Anniversary Army Ten-Miler at the Pentagon.

The women's first-place finisher was Casey Smith of Arlington, Va., who came in at 57:26, followed by Christine Clifton, of Kirkland, Wash., at 58:02.

The run, which is the largest 10-miler in America, included participants from 49 states, as well as the District of Columbia, and 11 foreign countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan, according to race statistics provided by the organizers.

There were 1,100 teams registered; 58 percent were men, and 42 percent women, with 76 percent coming from the greater Washington, D.C. area.

Complete race results were not prepared in time for deadline. For a complete list of winners, including winning military and civilian teams, go to www.armytenmiler.com.

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Army tries to duplicate excitement at Anaconda

By JULIANA GITTIER

Stars and Stripes

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq — More than 1,300 servicemembers and civilians cast aside their flak vests and Kevlar helmets to share in a 20-year-old Army sporting tradition Sunday.

The LSA Anaconda extension of the Army Ten-Miler — also held Sunday in Washington, D.C. — brought together servicemembers from across Iraq.

"It's a tradition in the Army," said race committee chairman Maj. Willie Rios, operations officer for the 13th Corps Support Command Special Troops Battalion at the logistics support area.

"We try to mirror what they do — the event, categories and traditions," said Rios, who has run the Washington race twice.

Anaconda's race winner was Army Cpl. Curtis Persinger, a member of the Kentucky National Guard with the 1103rd Military Police Battalion. He finished in 56 minutes, 2 seconds.

The women's winner was Marine Capt. Edna Rodriguez with Multi-National Corps Iraq in Baghdad. She finished in 1:15:02.

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Cards' Tavaréz loser in battle of bullpens

BY HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — This time Julian Tavaréz's meltdown came on the pitcher's mound.

St. Louis' volatile reliever, who broke his left hand in a dugout tantrum in the NL championship series, stared at Mark Bellhorn's two-run homer that hit off the Pesky Pole in the eighth inning and gave the Boston Red Sox an 11-9 win in the first game of the World Series.

In the clubhouse, he stared some more — into a video machine, where he kept re-winding the tape of the hit he wishes he'd never seen in the first place.

"It was a mistake. I left it over the middle of the plate," Tavaréz said. "I watched it over and over again. So I have it in my head not to do it again."

When neither starter made it out of the

fourth inning, the game came down to a battle of the bullpens.

And when the Cardinals tied it 9-all with two runs in the eighth, the ball — and the outcome — was in the hands of Tavaréz and Red Sox closer Keith Foulke.

Foulke, cool no matter how tough the predicament, won.

"If there's nobody on base and we have a 10-run lead or the bases are loaded in a tie game, I'm going to make the same pitches," Foulke said.

The Cardinals tied the bases with one out after tying the score. Then Foulke retired two of their best hitters easily — Scott Rolen on a popup to third base and Jim Edmonds on a called third strike.

"Keith's not scared of anything," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said. "That's a good thing to have in your closer."

It's been a great thing throughout the

postseason. In eight appearances covering 10 1/3 innings, he hasn't allowed a run.

The first three Red Sox relievers — Bronson Arroyo, Mike Timlin and Alan Embree — were less effective after starter Tim Lincecum gave up five runs in 3 1/3 innings.

Until Bellhorn's homer, four Cardinals relievers — Danny Haren, Kiko Calero, Ray King and Cal Eldred — allowed just two runs after starter Woody Williams gave up seven in 2 1/3 innings.

Then Tavaréz started the bottom of the eighth by retiring Bill Mueller on a groundout before Varitek reached first on shortstop Edgar Renteria's error.

Then on a 1-2 pitch Tavaréz's slider found too much of the plate and Bellhorn's left hand hit the screen on Pesky Pole down the right-field foul line.

"I've been up and down, up and down all postseason. You've got to keep fighting,"

Tavaréz said. "That's what happens when you make one bad pitch. You get hurt."

At least he didn't hurt his hand the way he did when he lost his temper in Game 4 of the NLCS after allowing the go-ahead home run to Houston's Carlos Beltrán.

Despite the injury, Tavaréz had pitched two perfect innings for the win in Game 6 of the NLCS and a scoreless eighth in Game 7.

On Saturday night, all he could do was turn and stare at the ball soaring through the night sky until it hit the screen attached to the yellow foul pole.

The result was the same, a Cardinals loss.

But afterward, Tavaréz stood by his locker, calmly discussing the decisive pitch while his left hand and right shoulder were wrapped.

"Just one bad pitch. Just one mistake," he said. "I won't let myself get down."

Bell: Boston bumbles, but finds way to win

BELL, FROM BACK PAGE

Foulke got five outs for the victory in the Red Sox's ninth straight postseason game, a surge that started when they came back from a 3-0 deficit to beat the New York Yankees in the ALCS.

The Cardinals beat Roger Clemens and Houston in Game 7 of the NLCS, led by slugger Scott Rolen and Albert Pujols. But Pujols and Jim Edmonds were held to 1-for-12 by Boston and left five runners in scoring position.

It was certainly not the best baseball ever played, with 14 walks and five errors. Still, it was entertaining.

"That was not an instructional video," Red Sox manager Terry Francona cracked. "That was a little rough."

Bellhorn, who struck out a Red Sox-record 177 times this season and bats ninth, connected after an error by shortstop Edgar Renteria on Jason Varitek's grounder. Foulke worked around Marlon Anderson's double in the ninth to finish it.

Down 7-2, the Cardinals eventually tied it when Renteria and Walker hit RBI doubles in the sixth.

Rise after Ramirez singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh, Ortiz hit a wicked grounder that took a bad hop, clocked the drawn-in Womack in the collarbone and sent him to the hospital for X-rays, which were negative.

Ramirez's RBI single made it 9-7, not that the team that led the NL with 53 consecutive wins was worried, especially with the erratic Ramirez out in left field.

Because on consecutive plays in the eighth, Ramirez let St. Louis tie it. Two singles brought Foulke from the bullpen, and Renteria hit a single that Ramirez overran for an error that scored a run.



Boston Red Sox left fielder Manny Ramirez misses a catch and tumbles to the ground Saturday night at Fenway Park. Ramirez made consecutive errors in the eighth inning that allowed St. Louis to tie the game.

Walker followed with his fly to left. Ramirez tried to make a sliding catch, but his spikes appeared to catch in the grass. He suddenly popped up and the ball glanced off his glove for another error and the tying run.

"The playoffs are a weird game," Ramirez said.

The self-lost crowd groaned at Ramirez's misplays. Moments later, the fans were delirious when Bellhorn struck.

At the start, the game became a classic NL vs. AL matchup — bunts against blasts. No surprise, the boppers went ahead because of Ortiz's shot off Woody Williams.

But Tim Wakefield's wildness let the Cardinals rally from the 7-2 deficit. The first knuckleballer to start a Series game since Gene Bearden in 1948, he couldn't control his float in the blustery conditions and tied a Series record with four walks during a three-run fourth.

At 49 degrees with a 21 mph wind, it was a bit nippy. Plenty of players put on ski caps for batting practice and Cardinals manager Tony La Russa wore gloves on the bench.

Williams, however, took the mound in short sleeves. After posting Game 1 wins in the first two playoff rounds, he struggled

in the cold and soon St. Louis had someone warming up.

Boston chased him in the third on Johnny Damon's bases-loaded single. Dan Haren relieved, Orlando Cabrera hit an RBI single on the first pitch and Ramirez had a run-scoring groundout for a 7-2 lead — the Boston slugger did not have an RBI in the ALCS.

That's when Wakefield committed a pitcher's sin — he walked the bases loaded to begin the fourth.

Boston's defense messed up for the first time starting with Mike Matheny's second sacrifice fly of the game. Cutoff man Kevin Millar hesitated, then skipped his relay into the stands while trying to get a runner at third.

Defensive whiz So Taguchi, playing left field to let Reggie Sanders be the DH, got an RBI when third baseman Bill Mueller couldn't cleanly grip a grounder, and just like that it was 7-5.

Wakefield left after his fifth walk, and Bronson Arroyo relieved.

Ortiz kept up his penchant for key hits, launching his fifth homer of the postseason.

Walker, in the Series for the first time in a 16-year career, homered in the third.

"I think it was a great game for us. Down 7-2, we tied it," he said. "In the end, they scored more runs than we did."

Rolen still struggling to find groove at plate

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Scott Rolen was a bust in his World Series debut.

The All-Star third baseman went 0-for-5 in the St. Louis Cardinals' 11-9 loss to the Boston Red Sox in Game 1 on Saturday night. He left four runners on base and

grounded into an inning-ending double play in the third.

"I don't think I swung at a strike all day," Rolen said. "I kick myself because I had some opportunities."

His best chance for a hit came with the bases loaded in the eighth. With one out and the score tied at 9, Rolen chased a high pitch from Keith Foulke and popped out to third. Jim Edmonds then struck out looking, ending the inning.

"He made a good pitch for him. I don't need to be swinging at that pitch," Rolen said.

Rolen's tiebreaking homer off Roger Clemens in Game 7 of the NL Championship Series helped power the Cardinals in the World Series for the first time since 1987.

But after a huge regular season that made him a leading MVP candidate, Rolen is batting just .196 with three homers, six RBIs and 12 strikeouts in the postseason.

He got little help Saturday night from fellow slugger Albert Pujols, who also struck out four runners and finished 0-for-3.

"They did a nice job of getting out of innings," Edmonds said. "We just came up short."

ROSTER ROUNDUP: The Red Sox's third baseman Kevin Youkilis on the World Series roster instead of reliever Ramiro Mendoza.

Younis was inactive for the AL Championship Series. But manager Terry Francona decided that with starter Derek Lowe in the bullpen for the first two games and Bronson Arroyo available as a reliever all series, Boston could afford to give up the extra arm.

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"Because of the versatility of our guys in the 'pen, we should be OK," Francona said. "And there's a confidence in what [Curt] Schilling will give us. Even though it may not be nine innings, it will be enough where we don't get in a spot."

Mendoza made two playoff appearances against the Yankees, taking the loss in Game 3 after failing to stop New York's offensive outburst in a 19-8 victory. He pitched only two innings in the series — fewest on the team — even though the staff was taxed by a pair of extra-inning games.

Youkilis was hitless in two at-bats against Anaheim in the first round.

"We could take advantage of having the extra position player, especially when we go to the National League city," Francona said.

"It maybe makes Dave Roberts a little more valuable to us, more versatile, and when we get into the National League city, we can play maybe a little bit more National League style of baseball."

WALL BALL: First-base coach Dave McKay hit fungoes off the Green Monster during Friday's workout as St. Louis players could get used to the way balls bounce off particular areas. The left-field wall is made of sheet metal and concrete, and there's also a padded portion.

"Some guys go out there and say, 'I'm going to play it like Yas-tremski, play it off the wall, throw it in the outfield, anybody out,'" McKay said. "Well, don't do that. You don't play here enough to do that."

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Boston saved by the Bell

Bellhorn's homer lifts Red Sox over Cardinals in Series opener

BY BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

BOSTON — All that was missing was Mark Bellhorn lingering at home plate, trying to wave the ball fair.

He created his own October memory by recalling a Fenway Park moment frozen in time: Carlton Fisk's home run in Game 6 back in 1975.

Bellhorn hit a drive off the screen attached to Pesky's Pole in right field in the eighth inning, and the Boston Red Sox held on to take the highest-scoring opener in World Series history, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 11-9 on Saturday night.

"I'm not here trying to be a hero, I'm just here trying to win four games," he said.

Right after pulling a long foul, Bellhorn lofted the two-run shot off Julian Tavaraz that decided a game in which the Red Sox blew an early five-run lead.

Fisk was in the old ballpark for this game, and surely he was smiling. His 12th-inning homer off the left-field foul pole beat Cincinnati, and is considered one of baseball's most dramatic drives.

"In the playoffs, everything seems like a critical moment," Bellhorn said. "Any game can be a pivotal game or a pivotal play."

Cardinals right fielder Larry Walker was in position to make a play on Bellhorn's homer, standing at the 302-foot mark.

"If the pole wasn't there and if the stands went in about 50 more feet, I would have caught it. Unfortunately, it didn't work that way for us," he said.

And because of Bellhorn, Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz and Walker, this 10th World Series was off to a wild, crazy start.

"Just one bad pitch. Just one mistake," Tavaraz said.

Game 2 will be Sunday night, with Curt Schilling again testing his sutured ankle against St. Louis' Matt Morris.

Ortiz kept up his October rampage, hitting a three-run drive for Boston's first Series homer at Fen-



Boston Red Sox second baseman Mark Bellhorn hits a two-run home run in the eighth inning off St. Louis Cardinals' Julian Tavaraz in Game 1 of the World Series in Boston on Saturday. Bellhorn's shot broke a 9-9 tie and carried the Red Sox to victory despite four errors in the field.

way since Fisk's famous shot. The ALCS MVP wound up knocking in four runs — and knocking out second baseman Tony Womack with a shot to the collarbone.

Walker did his best for the Cardinals, and still they lost their seventh straight Series road game. He homered, doubled twice, singled and hit a fly ball to left field

that Ramirez muffed, helping St. Louis make it 9-all in the eighth.

"That's why you play the game. Those are tough breaks. It's a challenge, but you know what? We've had to deal with challenges all year. It's just another challenge that we've overcome," Red Sox closer Keith Foulke said.

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Game 2 of the World Series was played too late to be included in this edition. Full coverage of the game will be featured in Tuesday's paper.



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